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## Misery of roadworks for drivers in borough

MOTORISTS in Dudley are facing more traffic misery after another set of roadworks which will see streets closed for up to 16 weeks was announced.

Work to replace old gas and water pipes will be carried out in Pensnett with drivers being warned to expect delays. It follows the announcement of a \$1million flood prevention scheme in Stallings Lane, Kingswinford which is also due to start the same day.

South Staffordshire Water and National Grid Gas are carrying out the work in Pensnett.

A one-way system will be in place in High Oak and traffic will only be able to enter from High Street.

On the weekend of August 11 and 12 and then from August 18 for around four weeks Broad Street will be closed from the junction with Comminsde. There will be temporary traffic lights in Comminsde on the junction with Tiled House Lane.

Further work will be carried out in the following weeks and details will be announced nearer the time.

Residents and businesses in the area have been contacted about the work by the council. Teg Chochan, manager of the Loaf sandwich bar in High Street, said he was worried about the effect the roadworks will have on delivery times.

"I think it's going to have a huge impact on the business."

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## Lloyds banks set to be sold

THREE branches of Lloyds Bank in the Dudley borough are among 18 in the West Midlands, Worcestershire and Staffordshire which will be sold off by the Co-operative Bank.

They are the Cheltenham and Gloucester banks in High Street, Stourbridge, along with LloydsTSB branches in High Street Halesowen and at Merry Hill shopping centre.

# 'CHUGGERS' FACE STRICT CONTROLS

by Adam Burling

**CHARITY collectors face a crackdown on the time and place they can operate in Dudley's streets - as a long-running row continues between fundraisers and council chiefs.**

Dudley Council ruled last year that the so-called "charity muggers" or chuggers should carry a licence - but they insist the law does not apply to them as they do not collect cash.

The Public Fundraising Standards Authority has offered to hold talks with the council to come up with a voluntary agreement to regulate their workers instead. But instead the council says a Government review by Lord Hodgson has shown that tighter controls are needed, and that the chuggers should be licensed.

## Tributes paid as former deputy mayor Jeff dies

TRIBUTES have been paid to a former deputy mayor of Dudley who has died after a short battle with cancer. Retired metal polisher Jeff Jewkes served on Dudley Council, for the Gornal ward, between 1990 and 2002.

During his time on the authority, he was chairman of the select committee for culture and regeneration.

He was also vice-chairman of the personnel, policy and leisure committees. Mr Jewkes, who worked at GKN in Bilston, was appointed deputy mayor of Dudley in 2001. He died at Russells Hall Hospital after being diagnosed with terminal cancer six weeks ago. He was 70.

Friend and Labour Party colleague Councillor Ken Finch said Mr Jewkes had "always given 100 per cent" when representing residents in Gornal.

"Jeff was a very good friend of mine, and I had known him a long time. He was a very devoted councillor and member of the Labour Party," he said.

"We could always rely on Jeff to give 100 per cent support, whatever the cause."

Dudley North MP Ian Austin also praised Mr Jewkes's service, saying: "We're all very upset by the terrible news."



Jeff Jewkes

The report, published last week, recommended greater powers for councils to curb aggressive collectors and complained that shoppers are forced to "run the gauntlet".

Dudley Council will now look at Lord Hodgson's recommendations before making a decision on whether to enforce stricter working times.

PFFRA spokeswoman Catharine Pusey said: "Lord Hodgson has acknowledged that the acts being used by councils like Dudley are not fit for purpose but he did not specifically say they should be repealed."

"He has said there is a need to restrict or regulate fundraising and has cited the PFFRA as an effective way of doing this."

### Agreement

"We would welcome the authority with open arms if they wanted to speak to us and come up with an agreement. We are currently talking to 19 councils across the country as we feel this is the way forward."

Councillor Gaye Partridge, said: "According to the report from Lord Hodgson, councils should be given greater powers to deal with aggressive charity collectors on High Streets."

"Lord Hodgson has recommended councils be able to license fundraisers and control where and how collections take place. We will carefully consider the recommendations."

Lord Hodgson urged charities to tighten up their self-regulation or face laws being rewritten in order to stop aggressive fundraising.

The report suggested charities should provide information such as whether staff are paid, how much money comes from the Government and whether the charity is part of the Fundraising Standards Board.

In Wolverhampton the collectors are only allowed to operate on certain days.

## Wartime relived at museum



Left to right: Mike Fletcher from Kidderminster, Malcolm Broadhurst from Droitwich, Leonard Warrington from Cookley and Darren Williams from Oldbury



The D-Day Darlings at the Black Country Living Museum's 1940s wartime event

There were members of the Home Guard on patrol, wartime singalongs to keep spirits high and air raid sirens cutting through the evening sky in Dudley.

Visitors were given a flavour of life during the Second World War at the Black Country Living Museum. Military vehicles were on the streets, propaganda posters adorned lamp posts and roadblocks complete with sandbags and warning signs were in place. Hundreds arrived for the 1940s theme night

at the weekend, many dressed in period outfits. Wartime performer Kevin Mac serenaded crowds gathered at Folkles' Park while singing trio D-Day Darlings performed traditional songs in the Workers' Institute building.

They were joined by dancers Valerie and Gareth Boxley, from Cradley Heath, who delighted the crowds with their routine including the jitterbug. Authentic vehicles and motorbikes were also on display.

## Care home bins dead mother's belongings

PRECIOUS possessions belonging to an elderly woman who lived at a care home were thrown away by staff after her death. It was the second incident of its kind at the home.

The family of grandmother-of-three Jessie Sambrook have demanded answers from Nethercrest Care Home, Netherton, Dudley.

Mrs Sambrook, who once worked at well-known Cradley Heath chain manufacturers Eliza Tinsley, died aged 85 on May 31. Family photographs and a leather handbag were among the items which disappeared.

Son-in-law David Washington discovered the items were missing when he arrived to collect them on June 29.

Mrs Sambrook's daughter Sheila Washington, 63, said the family were devastated by the loss of the items.

It is the second incident of its kind at the home in recent weeks after possessions of 81-year-old resident Olive Darby were thrown out following her death.

Tim Rudman, spokesman for care home operator Mimosa Healthcare, said: "We are deeply saddened that this error has occurred and Mimosa Healthcare is extremely sorry for the distress this has caused."

He added new protocols were now in place including the storage of all items for 28 days.

## Police plea on teenager

Police have appealed for information about a teenager from Dudley who has been missing for almost three weeks.

Ben Rollison, aged 15, was last seen at around 9am on July 3 at his home in the Russells Hall area.

Police officers said the teenager had been missing several times before but this was the longest period that he had been away from home.

Anyone who has seen the teenager or knows of his whereabouts can call 101.

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## New cash gives boost to town funds

A MULTI-MILLION pound revamp of historic buildings in Dudley has been boosted after new funding was secured.

Some of the cash will be spent on repairs and the restoration of run-down shopfronts and buildings.

Money will also be spent on work to bring derelict sites of architectural interest back into use. Some £229,000 of European cash will go to the ongoing Townscape Heritage

Initiative, which is aimed at boosting Dudley's prosperity by attracting businesses and creating jobs.

The rest of the money is coming from the Heritage Lottery Fund, English Heritage, the Housing and Communities Agency and Dudley Council.

Pears were raised nearly two years ago that the project would not go ahead when £2.15m funding from the regional development agency

Advantage West Midlands fell through. But council chiefs say it is back on track – and they will decide in the coming weeks which buildings to spend the money on.

They say they will look at “gateway” buildings, having already revamped the former Crown pub in Wolverhampton Street, Baylies Hall in Tower Street and the old Ace Disks shop at the top of High Street. Councillor Shaukat Ali, said:

“Securing this funding will ensure more excellent work through the Townscape Heritage Initiative can be carried out.”

Norman Price, deputy chairman of the West Midlands European Regional Development Fund local management committee said: “To improve the overall performance of an area and its economy you have to get the foundations right.”

“This project does just that.”

## Facebook post was used for burglary

A HOUSE was burgled after a 14-year-old said on Facebook she was going away for the weekend, a judge was told.

She inadvertently tipped off a burglar by posting the comment on Facebook, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

Serial thief, Ashley Byrd, who spotted the entry, knew where the teenager lived, Mr Mark Rees, prosecuting, said. The 19-year-old went to the address in Wythall Road, Halesowen, on June 23. After checking no-one was home he threw a brick through a window, Mr Rees said. Byrd, who had two previous convictions for burglary, stole two laptops worth about £800 but police had been alerted by a neighbour, Mr Rees added.

Officers arrived soon afterwards and arrested the burglar, who had also caused £350 damage to the house, the court heard. The computers were recovered.

Mr Jasvir Mann, defending, told the court Byrd had been blighted by a drug problem. Byrd, from Gibbs Road, Lye, admitted burglary and was sent to a Young Offenders Institution for two years and five months.

## Electrical goods theft

LAPTOPS and electronic gadgets worth nearly £3,000 were stolen during a daytime burglary.

Thieves broke into the property, in Station Drive, Hagley, and stole an Apple Mac Air laptop worth £800, a Mac Book Pro worth £800, a silver iPod worth £100, a black Sony SLR camera worth £400, a Sony PlayStation 3 worth £300, a Sony controller worth £100, six PlayStation games worth £40 each and a TomTom sat nav system worth £100.

Witnesses can contact officers on 0300 333 3000 quoting 387-S-160712.

## Police on twitter

PEOPLE in Stourbridge and Halesowen have a new way to keep in touch with local police.

New sector Inspector Dez Lambert has launched a twitter feed, providing updates on police work in the area. The social network tool also gives the public the chance to message officers.

## Tragic mother set up a lifetime trip for her son

A MOTHER has died of cancer just weeks before she was due to go on a final dream holiday to Disneyland Paris with her 21-month-old son and family.

But Joanne Lowe's dying wish for her son Riley to experience the trip will be fulfilled when her husband and her parents take him to the French theme park in her memory.

## Traders fear deliveries will be hit by roadworks

TRADERS in Kingswinford fear their deliveries could be delayed as a £1million roadworks scheme gets under way in the town.

A section of Stallings Lane is cut off to traffic as part of a project to install new sewer pipes and an underground flood storage tank. The closure runs from Charterfield Drive to the entrance to the industrial estate, near the KFC restaurant, further up the road.

A short length of Ham Lane will also be closed for sewer pipes to be replaced.

But businesses along the route have said the scheme would cause chaos for delivery lorries travelling to and from their sites.

Peter Stokes, managing director of Pennwood Furniture on Oak Industrial Estate, said the partial closure of Ham Lane would cause major problems.

“This will be an absolute nightmare for the firms here. It will fall apart at peak times and lead to a high risk of accidents,” he said. Officials from Severn Trent Water said over the last month staff had been in and around the Kingswinford area talking to residents and businesses.

Mrs Lowe, 39, who died after an 18-month battle with bowel cancer, had planned the holiday with her husband Oliver, 39. It was to be a holiday of a lifetime for the family.

But she took a turn for the worse and in her final days, the Job Centre Plus worker from Cradley, urged her parents Louise and Geoff Whitehouse to continue with the plans.

They and Mr Lowe and Riley will go on the holiday next week.

Mrs Whitehouse, 60, of Halesowen, said: “Joanne wanted to take Riley so much, it was to be her departing gift, her holiday of a lifetime to share with her son and family.”

## Diagnosed

“But the cancer took that away, yet she still wanted us all to go.”

Mrs Lowe was diagnosed with bowel cancer just weeks after giving birth to Riley in 2010.

Mrs Whitehouse said: “Riley meant everything to her and what got to her the most was not the cancer or the pain, it was not being able to see her son grow up.”

Mrs Lowe died on July 4.

Mrs Whitehouse said: “She knew this was it. But she told me to still take him on the holiday. I could feel her sadness as her life drifted away. It's so sad, she was one in a million, so popular and loved by all.”

Mr Lowe was too upset to comment, but told family members: “She was not only my soul mate, but my best friend. I will miss her so much.”

## Big send off for headteacher



Headteacher Clive Danks on his final day at Sledmere Primary School, Dudley

STYLISH students dressed in their finest suits and dresses to bid farewell to one of Dudley's longest-serving headteachers.

They decided to dress up in honour of Clive Danks, who retired after 23 years at Sledmere Primary School.

The 59-year-old was given a rousing send-off with a singalong during his final assembly. They also gave him presents and cards and his own special headteacher's badge.

“The staff here have been absolutely brilliant, and it has been a pleasure to work with them and the governors, while also being given such great support by parents,” he said. “It has been a highlight for me to see the children grow over the years and getting to work with them every day.”

Mr Danks, who lives in Hagley, is planning to spend more time with his wife Linda and his two children.

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## Residents fighting closure

RESIDENTS will form a committee intending to force council officials and police to rethink the closure of a busy commuter road in Dudley.

They say Dudley Council failings to consult people living in side roads off Black-acre Road before installing barriers and no-entry signs stopping motorists using the street.

It was standing room only at a public meeting hastily convened after more than 400 people signed a petition demanding action.

Those attending the meeting agreed to form a committee to take their concerns to ward councillors and council traffic officer Peter Vangeersdale.

Around 80 people packed into the Buffery Paradise Centre, Buffery Park, to air their views.

Among them was resident Duncan Petford, who chaired the meeting, after becoming frustrated with the traffic problems following the closure last month.

The 50-year-old, who has lived in Rollason Road for 25 years, said: "We wanted to give people the opportunity to get their point across as it was so important to hear everyone's views."

Shedden Road resident Satnam Bhogal added: "It has been absolute chaos since they brought in all these signs."

## Probe over yard death

THE DEATH of a man at a metal recycling yard is still being investigated by The Health and Safety Executive.

Mark Shore, aged 42, died at an industrial yard at R Davies Metals, Smithy Lane, Dudley, on June 19.

Health and Safety Executive spokesman Helen Clarke said his death was still being investigated and a report was being compiled for a coroner.

No-one from R Davies Metals would comment following the death of Mr Shore last month.

## Plans approved

OUTLINE plans for 14 homes in Stourbridge have been approved despite opposition from residents.

Palace Furniture Ltd wants to build the houses off High Street, Wollaton. The company will next submit more detailed plans before the scheme can go ahead.

# Hospital chief in apology to Owen's parents



Owen Jeremy

THE CHIEF executive of Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital has apologised to the grief-stricken parents of an eight-year-old boy for the way staff treated them after his sudden death.

David and Rowena Jeremy say they had no support from staff at the hospital to guide them through the process when he died after an asthma attack.

They were even left to look for a telephone number so they could call a taxi to go home. The couple

attended a release of balloons in memory of Owen by pupils in his year at Fairhaven Primary School, Wordsley last week.

A total of 300 balloons, each carrying a message from a youngster and a photograph of Owen, were released during the day - and coaches from Owen's favourite team, Aston Villa, held sessions with pupils as a tribute to him.

Owen died at the hospital on May 24 when he suffered a cardiac arrest soon after being given

adrenaline. His parents, of Primrose Hill, Wordsley, have withdrawn a complaint about Owen's treatment, in which they challenged a decision to give him adrenaline even though his heart was racing.

### Upset

The couple were upset after they found staff had not removed medical tubes from Owen's body when they went to say their final farewell to him four hours after his death. Paula Clark, chief executive

of The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, says in a letter she is "extremely sorry" that a rapid response team meant to give information to bereaved parents did not contact them.

She adds: "In future staff have been asked to arrange a local taxi for bereaved relatives to get home safely, if no-one is available to collect them from the hospital."

She also apologised for the "additional distress" caused by a failure to remove Owen's tubes.

# Schoolchildren celebrate as summer break is here



Nursery nurse Victoria Smith with children during her last day at Belle Vue Primary School, Wordsley



Teyla Clarke, Issac McLeod and Henry Jones, all aged five, enjoy graduation at Halesowen Olive Hill Primary



Artist Laura Hickman with pupils from Bromley Pensnett Primary School showing their work

**SCHOOLCHILDREN** in Dudley wore fancy dress to say goodbye to a nursery nurse who was leaving after 17 years while youngsters in Halesowen graduated from their reception class and marked the end of the school term.

Pupils at Belle Vue Primary School held a celebration day to bid a fond farewell to Victoria Smith who was moving to another school.

Mrs Smith, aged 45, said she was sad to leave but felt it was the right time after her wage was reduced following a pay review by the council.

Mrs Smith, who lives in Dudley, had worked a total of 25 years as a

nursery nurse in the area, spending time at Dudley Wood Primary and The Glynne Primary, Kingswinford, before coming to Belle Vue.

**Border** She has now found a new job as a nursery nurse at St John's Primary, Swindon, just over the border into Staffordshire, where pay for the role has not been cut.

Mrs Smith said: "I've built a

strong bond with the children and their families. It's a fantastic school." Parents said they were very sad to see her go.

Meanwhile proud parents looked on as five-year-olds at Olive Hill Primary, in Halesowen, enjoyed their own graduation ceremony. They were celebrating moving up to Year 1 and were presented with a commemorative scroll by headteacher Rachel Cutting. Parents were invited to

come along and watch the presentation and there was also a performance by the school choir.

Also pupils at Bromley Pensnett Primary School have celebrated the end of term by unveiling special artwork.

The school was visited by artist Laura Hickman after it won the Dudley Healthy Schools and the Dudley Association of Governing Bodies, Healthy Lifestyle competition.

## NEWS in brief

### Choir is backing theatre campaign

A POPULAR choir will get behind a campaign to develop a community-run theatre and hall at Stourport Civic Centre at its latest concert.

Kidderminster Male Choir will perform at the venue on August 4 at 7.30pm.

Wyre Forest District Council is due to move out of the centre later this year to headquarters on Finepoint Business Park off Stourport Road, Kidderminster. Tickets are £8. For details visit [www.theciviciourport.co.uk](http://www.theciviciourport.co.uk)

### Police are probing link in car thefts

POLICE are looking at possible links between two car thefts in Stourport.

A Volkswagen Scirocco was stolen from an address in Hanstone Road recently. The registration of the vehicle is OY10 RUH.

A blue BMW, registration C8 MLO, was taken from the roadside in Wesley Avenue.

Det Sgt Marc Sanders, of West Mercia Police, said officers were looking into whether the thefts are linked.

Witnesses can call Mr Sanders on 0300 333 3000.

### Polls venues views sought

Residents in Wyre Forest are being asked for their views on proposed changes to polling places in the district. The council wants to find new venues.

People have until 5pm on August 31 to submit their comments, which can be sent by post to: Electoral Registration Office, Wyre Forest District Council, Civic Centre, Stourport, Worcester-shire, DY13 8UJ.

### Burglars steal car from drive

THIEVES used tools from a shed to break into a house and steal a car in Hagley.

They broke into the house in Lodge Crescent and stole the keys to a black Mercedes C350 parked on the drive.

Two men were seen by a neighbour driving it away. PC Ed Banks urged residents to make sure all tools were locked up.

### Police patrolling

PLAIN-CLOTHED police are patrolling a Sedgley neighbourhood to catch anti-social youngsters after complaints of teenagers using bad language in The Quadrant.

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## THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



IT WAS announced this week that texting has overtaken speaking as the preferred means of mobile-phone communication. But it is important to get the texting right. A friend sent her child a text explaining that she had been delayed, and added an X as a kiss. The youngster was puzzled to receive the message: "May be a bit latex."

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TONY Blair, seemingly bemused even to be asked the question, proudly declared that New Labour had no population policy. Today the Office for National Statistics reveals the legacy of that idiocy, with three million more mouths to feed in England and Wales than 10 years ago. The Blairs (four children, £20 million a year) live far away from the seething bedlam of our inner cities, in their mansion in leafy Buckinghamshire. And now he wants to make a political comeback.

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OOPS. Tiny cock-up on the weather-forecasting front. I suggested a couple of days ago the long hot summer would begin in December. It has apparently been brought forward to the end of July. Let joy be unconfined.

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EXCEPT that we Brits don't do unconfined joy very well, do we? No sooner has the mercury started to rise than the doom-mongers are predicting a sudden rise in the price of sun cream. Oh, gloom and misery.

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TRADITIONALLY, of course, we Brits did not bother with sun creams. We 1950s kids were allowed to muck around the beach until we were as red as lobsters and then anointed at night with chilled calamine lotion. We didn't have a Human Rights Act back then.

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I REFERRED recently to the horrors of seasickness. A reader says he has discovered the perfect, 100 per cent guaranteed cure. Stand under a big tree.

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THE French city of Angers is claiming our Crown Jewels in compensation for the execution for treason in 1499 of Edward Plantagenet, Earl of Warwick. He was the last of the Plantagenet line and Angers, as the historical base of the Plantagenet family, is demanding "as redress for the execution," that the Crown Jewels be transferred from the Tower of London to Angers. Come, come, mes amis. Whatever happened to the Napoleonic spirit? You know where the jewels are. If you want them (and if you think you're 'ard enough), come and take them.

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FOLLOWING my recent bits on the strange names of emulsion paints, a reader asks: "What colour is a whiter shade of pale?" I think it's a sort of Procol.

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CRY havoc and unleash the geeks of war. Who cannot be stirred by the thrilling call by the Commons Intelligence and Security Committee to declare cyber-war on Britain's enemies? Mind you, it will only succeed if our geeks are smarter than their geeks. Infesting enemy computers with viruses is a bit like the old comedy routine of the doctor who tries to get the patient to take his tablet by blowing it into his mouth using a tube. It works perfectly - unless the patient blows first.

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## Dog attacks on posties show a fall

DOZENS of postal workers are being attacked by dogs as they make their rounds across the Midlands but the number of incidents has fallen sharply in some areas, new figures claim.

Bosses at Royal Mail say too many of their workers are still getting hurt and pet owners need to take more responsibility.

A total of 139 reports were made across the Black Country, Stafford-

shire and Birmingham between April 2011 and 2012.

In the Dudley and Kidderminster postcode area, 17 posties were hurt, a fall of 15 per cent.

The number of attacks in the WV postcode, which covers Wolverhampton, has dropped by 52 per cent to eight, while there was a 0.4 increase to 44 in the ST postcode area covering Stafford and Stoke-on-Trent.

There were 14 in the WS area which covers Cannock and Walsall, representing a 36 per cent decrease, and 56 in the B postcode which covers Birmingham and Sandwell, which is a 10 per cent drop from the previous 12 months.

The Royal Mail and the Communication Workers Union warned attacks usually increase in the summer months, placing postmen and women in danger of injury.

There were 3,100 attacks nationwide, down by 14 per cent on the previous year following a £100,000 awareness campaign by Royal Mail.

Darren Thain, safety director for Royal Mail in Dudley, said: "Clearly most dogs are not inherently dangerous, however, even the most placid animal can be prone to attack. Our first priority as an employer is to ensure the welfare and safety of our people."

## Major scheme for town hits a chord with folk

MORE than 700 people turned out to give their views on a multi-million pound regeneration scheme in the heart of Dudley - with the scheme finding favour with many residents.

Experts were on hand at the town's Churchill Precinct to talk people through plans developed by property firm Avenbury for the largely derelict Porters Field site, including the long disused Cavendish House.

## Man sent to prison for attack

A MAN hit a Halesowen teenager in the face and on the head with a can of lager after she stepped in to stop his friend using racist language to a group of youths.

Michael Beesley was jailed for nine months by Wolverhampton Crown Court for inflicting "some unpleasant injuries" on the girl.

The court was told the teenager had been in Halesowen town centre waiting for a friend when she saw Beesley and the woman he was with abusing the young men.

Mr Bernard Linnemann, prosecuting, said the teenager had said it was wrong and had then been told to mind her own business before being struck with the can of lager by Beesley. He also punched her to the head and face.

The teenager suffered swelling and cuts and had been left upset by the incident, the court was told.

Beesley, of Park Road, Hockley, admitted assault causing actual bodily harm and Judge John Warner ruled only immediate custody was appropriate.

Mr Malcolm Fowler, defending, said Beesley had a deep-seated alcohol problem.

Many residents who stopped to look at the plans during the exhibition on Friday and Saturday said they were in favour of such a development and that work to regenerate that section of the town was long overdue.

Proposals drawn up would see the boarded-up Cavendish House building demolished and replaced with an 800,000sq ft supermarket.

A restaurant and other leisure facilities are also planned for the site along with a landscaped area leading into the town centre and a new taxi office.

If the scheme wins approval, there would also be space for the Midland Metro to run through the site, and a car park for more than 500 vehicles.

**Successful**  
Additional space at the site, which would be called Porters Field, would be created by rerouting existing Trindle Road to bring it parallel with Duncan Edwards Way. If successful the scheme would create around 500 jobs in the town.

Leroy Holness, aged 58, of Dudley, said: "We need something to bring some life back into the heart of the town."

Patrick Nicholas, aged 48, of Junction Street, Dudley, said: "The town has been in decline for too long. In the early 1980s it was one of the most successful shopping centres."

Edward Grieve, spokesman for Avenbury, said 743 people attended.



Leroy Holness and Patrick Nicholas, of Dudley, talk over the plans for part of Dudley town centre with Louise Moorhouse, from architect David Weatherill Partnership



An early drawing of how the development could eventually end up looking

## Anger at decision to close playgroup

GOVERNORS at a Sedgley school have decided to close its long-running playgroup despite protests from parents.

One mother says, as a result, she will choose a different school for her daughter to attend.

Governors at Hurst Hill Primary School, Paul Street, say the group, which has been open for two-year-olds for 17 years, is "not financially viable." But parents said they were willing to pay £8.50 per child per session, more than double the current £4 fee, to keep it open. They had hoped their opposition to the closure would help to change the governors' minds.

But the board has now decided to axe the group, which is open daily for 16 youngsters, in December.

Hurst Hill head Caroline Dingle said: "Due to the need to prioritise areas of work at the school... the governing body has taken the decision to close the playgroup."

Mother Jade Love, aged 24, of Andersleigh Drive, Coseley, whose two-year-old daughter, Lacey Braden attends the group, said: "They haven't listened to the parents."

## Burglar seen in a garden

A RESIDENT disturbed a burglar in the back garden of his Kidderminster home.

The would-be thief was holding a chainsaw, which he had taken from the garden shed, when he was seen by the householder, the youth dropped it and ran off.

Police are now appealing for witnesses to the incident, which happened in Franchise Street.

The youngster is thought to be 15 or 16 and about 5ft 5ins. He is slim, with blue eyes and spoke with a local accent. He was wearing a black hooded top, grey track-suit bottoms and trainers.

## Super heroes call

THE MIDLANDS Air Ambulance wants people to dress as superheroes for a national campaign.

To mark National Air Ambulance Week from September 24 to 30, the charity in Brierley Hill wants fundraisers to donate £1 to dress up.

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## £2m to be shared by sport sites

Athletes and schoolchildren are among hundreds of people in the Black Country who will benefit from a slice of nearly £2 million of Olympic legacy funding.

Six community sports projects in the region are among the 38 in the West Midlands which will get part of the £1,981,540 investment from the Inspired Facilities Fund – part of the Places People Play programme.

George Slater Collegiate Academy, Claypit Lane, West Bromwich, will get £129,227 for an upgrade of facilities.

Bewdley Rowing Club, in Riverside North, Bewdley, Worcestershire, will get £50,000 for refurbishment of its changing rooms, which are on the verge of collapse.

Dudley Waters Sports Centre, at Lodge Farm Reservoir, Highbury Road, will also get £50,000 to replace its changing rooms, showers and toilets, plus the building of a new classroom.

Wyre Forest District Council will be given £50,000 for new floodlighting at its race track for Wyre Forest Cycle Racing Club in Pearl Lane, Stourport.

Samurai Judo Club, in Zortech Avenue, Kidderminster, will benefit from £40,706.

## Drugs den shut down

POLICE have shut down a drugs den in a block of flats in Dudley.

The council owned property in Claverley Court, Vicarage Prospect, will now be boarded up for three months after the force received a crack house closure order.

Tenants Lisa Jane Evans, aged 26, and Stephen Walters, aged 39, were evicted from the flat after the order on June 27.

Pc Martin Bloomfield, of the St James's neighbourhood team, said: "We take all reports of anti social behaviour seriously and following complaints from local residents we have pursued the closure on the property through the courts."

## New bus times

LATER buses are to serve the Wribbenhall Estate in Bewdley. Whittle Coach and Bus, will run an hourly service from 7.30am until 7pm Monday to Saturday. Information is available at [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/cms/bus/timetables](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/cms/bus/timetables).

# Family and friends shell-shocked at death



Emma Nock, with Tara and Sophie

A CRECHE worker and mother-of-two described as "one in a million" has died from a blood clot aged 36.

Emma Nock, who worked at Wrens Nest Primary School, Dudley, leaves her children 12-year-old Sophie and 10-year-old Tara.

Her devastated mother Jean Hale said her sudden death had left everyone "shell-shocked".

Ms Nock, of Marigold Crescent, Dudley, had been studying for her Level 3 childcare qualification and also an Open University degree. During her work at the

school, she had helped in the children's centre and as support staff in the classroom.

She was a keen musician and taught keyboard classes and was also involved in dance, drama and Zumba classes.

Mrs Hale, of New Road, said: "She was my rock and I was her rock. We did everything together."

"She really was one in a million. She loved helping others and would go out of her way to help anyone who needed her. "She loved working at the school and looking after the children."

"Everyone who knew her cannot believe what has happened, they all feel shell-shocked. It was very sudden and there was no warning."

A book of memories is being collected at the school so staff, pupils and parents can pay their respects to Ms Nock, who also leaves her 33-year-old sister Katie.

Ms Nock died at home on July 1. Her funeral took place at St James' Methodist Church, Pensnett last week. Donations were being collected for Midlands Air Ambulance and Wrens Nest Primary School.

# Widow launches legal fight as inquest leaves questions



Robert Collett, aged 62

THE distraught widow of a Halesowen man who died from heart failure following knee replacement surgery has told how an inquest into his death has left her with unanswered questions.

Angela Collett, aged 52, wept at the conclusion of the hearing at Birmingham Coroners Court into the death of her husband Robert.

Mr Collett, a 62-year-old part-time driver, of Blagdon Road, had elected to have knee surgery at the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, Birmingham, in February last year.

In summing up the case, coroner for Birmingham and Solihull, Aidan Cotter said Mr Collett felt chest pain soon after he was anaesthetised.

Later in the operation, Mr Cotter said the patient was coughing and an anaesthetist diagnosed him with fluid on the lungs.

The coroner said: "The anaesthetist decided the operation should proceed although the surgeon twice asked if surgery should continue."

Shortly after the operation, Mr Collett appeared ashen so was immediately transferred to a bed and put in a sitting position.

### Surgery

He then suffered a heart attack and was taken to intensive care at Birmingham City Hospital but died.

Mr Cotter last week recorded a verdict of death following elective surgery.

Mrs Collett had been a clinical nurse specialist at the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital but has now left and is launching a legal battle.

She said: "Despite the inquest I still have questions about why the surgery went ahead in the first place when Robert was showing clear signs of being unwell before and during the operation."

Lindsey Webb, director of nursing and governance at the hospital and Graham Bragg, deputy chief executive, issued a joint statement offering their "sincere condolences" to the family.

## Much ado in the air

AN OPEN-AIR production of Much Ado About Nothing will take place near Stourport next month. It will be staged at Bishop Wood Centre at Crossway Green on August 23 at 7pm.

## Winston steams back home



David Eveleigh, director of collections with the Winston Churchill 0-6-0 loco

AN ICONIC steam engine has been returned to the Black Country Living Museum to take pride of place at the entrance to the attraction.

The Winston Churchill locomotive had been out on loan since 1977 but has now been installed at the museum as a reminder of the region's railway heritage.

Director of collections David Eveleigh is now appealing for memories and old photo-

graphs of the 19-ton 0-6-0 engine. "The locomotive stands outside the entrance as a reminder of the former importance of the railway network to the Black Country," he said. The steam engine was built in 1923 by Manning Wardle of Leeds and was brought to the Black Country to be used at the Shutt End Colliery site in Pensnett 23 years later. Curators at the museum believe it was last steamed in 1968.

## NEWS

### in brief

#### Mayor officiates at hall reopening

THE MAYOR of Dudley has opened a refurbished church hall in Stourbridge.

Councillor Melvyn Mottram was invited to Holy Trinity Ambleside, Vicarage Road to celebrate the completion of work on the hall.

During the past five years the hall has been transformed and now has a large hall, smaller meeting room, a stage, kitchen and toilet facilities all were newly refurbished with cash help from the Big Lottery Fund and Stourbridge Area Committee grant schemes.

#### Music and jokes from sports club

A FEAST of comedy and music is coming to Wyre Forest in a one-night show later this month.

The event will feature top Midlands funny man Doug Parker and singer Maggie O'Hara. The duo will perform in a cabaret night at the Chester Road Sports and Social Club at Kidderminster Victoria cricket ground on July 27 at 7.30pm.

Tickets, £9 including a buffet, from the club.

#### Northern Soul gig at the town hall

AN evening of Northern Soul will be held at Kidderminster Town Hall on July 28.

There will be classic casinos, rare Motown as well as popular songs from the 50s and 60s.

A host of guest DJs will also be taking to the decks during the gig which runs from 8pm until 6am.

Tickets are available from the town hall box office on 01562 732158 as well as on the door.

#### Open evening for radio enthusiasts

RADIO enthusiasts in the Wyre Forest district can learn more about the latest analogue and digital technologies at an open evening.

Kidderminster and District Amateur Radio Society will stage the event at the Gilt Edge Oldington, on August 1 from 8pm.

All are welcome to attend the session.

#### Awards for young

YOUNGSTERS were given awards for community activities run by a Midlands school. The events, organised by Baxter College, Kidderminster included neighbourhood watches.

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## NEWS

# Awards mark borough beauty spots among best

THREE beauty spots in the Dudley Borough are among dozens of in the region which have earned the national Green Flag Award.

More than 1,400 UK sites received the Green Flag accolade including Silver Jubilee Park, Coseley, Netherton Park and The Leasowes, Halesowen. While the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Gardens in Bewdley has also been honoured, retaining its Green Flag this year.

Outdoor gyms, increased visitor numbers and the park ranger service helped Silver Jubilee Park and Netherton Park to gain the award.

While judges visiting the Leasowes were impressed by the restoration of the historic landscape and the management of the site for wildlife by the countryside wardens and volunteers.

Councillor Tracy Wood, said: "Dudley Council takes great pride in offering fantastic green spaces and we know our residents value them highly."

"Achieving Green Flag status reflects the fantastic work our park rangers, countryside wardens, friends groups, volunteers and residents have put into making our green spaces shine and I'm grateful to everyone who has played a part in it."

Sites in Staffordshire including Baggebridge Country Park near Dudley and Wom Brook Walk, Wombourne, were also honoured.

A number of community-run sites in the region have also been decorated. Barnford and Farm Road Allotments, Rowley Regis has taken the honour along with the Dingley Road Allotment, Tipton

## Cash raised for lifeboats

COLLECTIONS in two Black Country towns raised more than £1,600 for the RNLI. The collection in Kingswinford raised £626.34 and the one in Sedgley generated £975.24.

They were organised by the charity's Brierley Hill & Kingswinford branch.

## Eve enjoys first outing



Baby Brazilian tapir Eve ventures out with mother Meena

ONE of the latest arrivals at Dudley zoo has made the most of the elusive sunshine to make her first public appearance.

She may have taken 13 months to appear but Eve, the Brazilian tapir, has made her arrival at Dudley Zoological Gardens.

Two-week-old Eve was born to

mother Meena and father Chico.

She has since spent most of her time dodging the rain showers with her mother in the internal enclosure.

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## LETTERS

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On the question of cost, this project is actually much less expensive than is commonly thought, with a budget comparable to a mid-sized European university, a small price to pay for an organisation that has contributed so much. The scientists working at the

Large Hadron Collider have already added greatly to the sum of human knowledge and will continue to do so for many years to come. They have demonstrated that when the peoples of Europe come together to work for a common goal, the result can be something to be truly proud of.

For those interested in reading about what the Higgs boson is and why it is important, here is a link to my science blog on this topic: <http://tiny.cc/2pilhw>

**THOMAS ROBERTS,**  
University of Birmingham  
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Lakeside Brierley Hill

## What's gone wrong with the unions in the UK?

JUST what is it with our unions in this country?

On the very eve of the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games the Border staff manning all the entry points into the UK announce their intention to go on strike.

In conjunction with this we are told the train drivers plan to strike for two days during the course of the Olympics, can someone enlighten me?

Is it a pre-requisite to joining a union that one has to undergo brain surgery, possibly involving a partial lobotomy, in order to restrict the full utilisation of the brain. Is it the unions avowed intention to totally wreck what little credibility that this once great country of ours has managed to salvage over recent years?

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## Deeper search to uncover Landons

I HAVE a substantial amount of information relating to my Landon family and can trace our roots back to the 16th century, and am wondering if readers can help me with any more details.

It seems the family originated in Herefordshire mainly centred on the village of Credenhill and nearby locations.

There is a William Landon born 1755 and died in 1833 being buried in Church Eaton (Staffs) graveyard. The headstone still stands and just about reads "gardener at Little Onn Hall" (Staffs).

If anyone has any information on Landons especially William Landon of Little Onn Hall I would be pleased to hear from them.

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## Older people have done their fair share

TORY MP and "close ally" of David Cameron, Nick Boles, is suggesting that "older people must shoulder their fair share of spending cuts" and is advocating that better off pensioners lose their bus travel concessions and free prescriptions and their winter fuel payments means tested.

Having worked full time and paid full tax and National Insurance contributions for 46 years, I consider that I've already shouldered more than my "fair share", as have millions of others of my generation, only to see the money we've paid in squandered by successive useless Tory and Labour governments.

Can I suggest to Nick Boles, David Cameron and anyone else of the same mind that, before hammering the pensioners and those who continue to pay their way with hard work, they stop paying benefits to immigrants, the workshy and those who breed for a living. I also suggest that all foreign aid payments be stopped and that we stop wasting the multi-millions of pounds our membership of the EU cost us daily.

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## NEWS

# £1m flood prevention scheme to close roads

ONE of Dudley's busiest roads has closed for six weeks for a £1 million flood prevention scheme to be carried out.

A section of Stallings Lane, Kingswinford, has been cut off to traffic while new sewer pipes are installed and for construction of a large underground flood storage tank in Broadmeadow.

The closure will run from Charterfield Drive to the entrance to the industrial estate further up the road.

A short length of Ham Lane will also be closed off for sewer pipes to be installed.

Dudley Council is working with Severn Trent Water, South Staffordshire Water, IWS and Enterprise on the scheme which is due to finish in early September.

The work is being carried out to prevent serious flooding in Stallings Lane and Hinsford Close. There have been problems along the roads recorded in 2002, 2005, 2007 and 2009.

Council officials said they would try to minimise disruption and had planned the work for the school summer holidays when the road is less busy.

But they admitted some inconvenience would be inevitable and said some residents may experience disruption to their water supply during the project.

A diversion has been set up via Tansey Green Road, Dreadnought Road, High Street and Moss Grove which will add around a mile to journeys.

Council bosses said businesses along the route would be open as usual and access to commercial and domestic properties would be maintained throughout.

## Vintage rally rained off

A VINTAGE vehicles rally in Bewdley that attracts thousands has been cancelled due to the bad weather.

The Trimpley Steam and Vintage Rally was due to take place at Bite Farm on August 5. But organisers have now been forced to cancel.

## Officers raise coppers



Charity cyclists John Link, Bev McCabe, Keith Scott, Omar Sharif and Paul Davies with, front, Tristram Oliver and David Grove with the cheque

EIGHT police officers from Dudley have raised more than £5,700 for the children's ward at the town's Russells Hall Hospital through a 1,000-mile cycle trek.

The Castle and Priory neighbourhood team have handed over a cheque for £5,731 to staff on the ward. In July last year the eight officers, known as the Castle Wheelers completed the journey from Land's

End to John O'Groats. The team attempted the ride to buy two parent beds for the children's ward at Russells Hall Hospital - each costing £700. Pc Paul Davies, Pc Tristram Oliver, Pc Keith Scott and Pcs David Grove completed the ride.

Pc Oliver said: "It went brilliantly. It was very tough in places. We are delighted to raise so much

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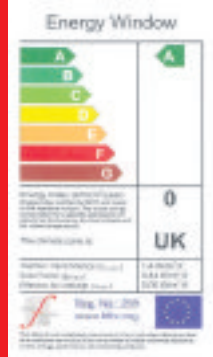
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## NEWS

# Recycling plans to go in after consultation ends

## A wet farewell for sir



Deputy head Matt Ashcroft with Holly Robbins

A KIDDERMINSTER primary school said a big wet goodbye to its deputy head.

Matt Ashcroft was saying farewell to Sutton Park primary in Greatfield Road, Kidderminster, at the summer fete - and got soaked as pupils paid to throw wet sponges at him.

The school fete raised £1,385.68.

More than 100 children enjoyed a bouncy castle, cakes, face painting and hot dogs, while close to 50 children took part in performances.

Mr Ashcroft had to endure around 300 wet sponges throughout the day. Headteacher Marie Buckland said: "It was a fantastic event and the rain stayed away too."

A PLANNING application for a waste recycling plant in Brierley Hill will be submitted following the end of a public consultation into the proposal.

About 60 people turned out for the two-day consultation event at the Brierley Hill Project to view Clean Power's plans for the plant on land off Moor Street.

The firm will now review feedback from the consultation before submitting a planning application to Dudley Council by the end of next month. Residents raised some concerns about the plans at the consultation.

There were fears the development would lead to an increase in traffic.

Clean Power spokeswoman Jessica Stewart said: "We're very pleased with last week's exhibitions. Around 60 local residents came along to view the proposals and on the whole, feedback was positive."

The proposed plant would turn domestic and commercial waste into gas to generate electricity for up to 8,000 homes. The firm said the process would release low emissions without odour. It would also create 30 jobs.

Ms Stewart added: "Using feedback from the consultation, we plan to submit a planning application to Dudley Council in the coming month."

"After this, the council will also consult the community and key stakeholders."

Points raised at the public consultation included concerns over increased traffic from lorries taking waste to the plant. Bosses said there would be up to 60 lorry movements to and from the site a day.

## New HQ has time capsule

A time capsule featuring photographs and written memories has been buried at a council's new headquarters.

Wyre Forest District Council's £10million headquarters at Finepoint Business Park saw councillors gathered in the courtyard of Wyre Forest House to see it buried.

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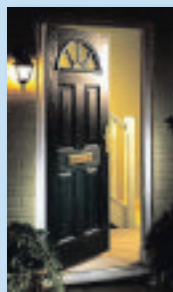
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## NEWS

# Crime in region takes a fall, latest figures claim

CRIME in the West Midlands has plummeted over the past year, with big falls in the amount of robberies and violence, according to the latest official figures.

West Midlands Police recorded a 10 per cent drop in overall crime, with 193,532 offences in the 12 months up to the end of March this year.

That included a 20 per cent reduction in robberies, with 7,260 during that period. Vehicle crime dropped by 16 per cent to 25,096, while there was also a 14 per cent reduction in burglary, dropping to 28,170.

Violence against the person dropped by 15 per cent to 35,457. But there were increases in the number of drugs offences – up seven per cent to 9,220, while sexual offences were up one per cent to 2,725.

Other figures, released by the Crime Survey of England and Wales, showed the total number of crimes across England and Wales fell by four per cent to 3,976,312, the first time it has dipped below four million since 1989.

The survey is based on interviews with tens of thousands of people in more than 45,000 households.

West Midlands Police has seen crime fall despite facing Government funding cuts of £126m over the next four years.

The force is losing in the region of 2,700 police officer and staff positions between now and 2015. The force is also looking at sharing some of its services with neighbouring Staffordshire Police.

## Fatal crash cyclist named

A CYCLIST who died after being hit by a lorry in Kidderminster has been named as Arthur William Bough.

Mr Bough, aged 78, of Kidderminster died after the accident at the junction of the A451 Stourport Road and Sutton Park Road. Hewas pronounced dead at the scene. A lorry driver from South Wales has been arrested on suspicion of causing death by careless driving.

## School wins top award



Anne Gunning, front right, from the Royal Horticultural Society, presents the plaque. With the tree is Sue Grundy and Leah Austin from the college with William Clarke, headteacher Gordon Phillips, Parveen Kumari, and Donovan Woodhall

STAFF at a special school in the Black Country are celebrating winning a top award from the Royal Horticultural Society.

The Meadows Sports College, Oldbury was presented with a level five plaque and a tree by Royal Horticultural Society regional director Anne Gunning last week.

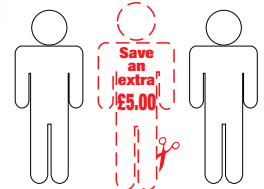
Level five is the highest award a school can receive. It comes on the back of horticultural work at The

Meadows Sports College for the past three years. This has involved the planting of hundreds of bulbs in the school grounds, including daffodils and tulips, plus vegetable growing that have been sold at parents evenings and other events.

Principal Gordon Phillips said: "We feel horticultural activities are very important. The pupils love it. They like being outside and they like hands-on activities."

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## NEWS

## Police are handing out advice over sex attacks

POLICE chiefs are giving revellers advice as part of a new safety campaign to reduce sexual attacks in towns and cities.

Officers across the West Mercia force area – which includes Wyre Forest and Hagley – will speak to young people on nights out from tonight to encourage them not to drink too much, to stay in control and to look after their friends.

They say people should ensure that anyone who has had too much to drink are put into taxis so they get home safely.

Detective Inspector Callie Bradley from the force's public protection unit said: "Research shows young people aged between 13 and 24 are most likely

to become victims of a serious sexual offence between 9pm and 3am on Friday and Saturday nights and that the number of rapes and serious sexual offences increase between June and August.

"Drinking to excess might seem like fun at the time, but it can make you extremely vulnerable.

"When you drink your inhibitions are much lower, which might cause you to take risks you wouldn't usually take.

"This could mean going home with someone you don't know and – in the worst cases – end up being a victim or offender of a serious sexual offence," he added.

## Man in bus bomb hoax

**POLICE stopped and searched a bus in Dudley after a drunken man made a 999 call saying there may be a bomb on board, a court heard.**

Sean Long later told police he had made the call to gain attention after a row with his girlfriend.

Dudley Magistrates Court heard he told officers he had overheard a conversation about a bomb on the 126 bus in Birmingham New Road, Dudley, on July 1. Long, aged 26, of Tryan Road, Nuneaton, admitted causing a bomb hoax. Sentencing was adjourned to August 6 for reports.

Mr Mark Cooper, prosecuting, told

the court police received the 999 call from a "drunken man" at 4.55pm.

The bus was stopped and searched by officers but nothing suspicious was found. Long had already got off the bus by then but he was arrested when he turned up at Brierley Hill police station to answer bail for a separate matter, said Mr Cooper.

### Girlfriend

He told police he was drunk after having an argument with his girlfriend and had made up overheard a conversation about a bomb to get some attention.

Miss Dawn Foxall, defending, said Long was "deeply regretful" about what happened and did not know what had come over him.

## Chemists multiplying

SIX new 100-hour-a-week pharmacies could open in Dudley this year under a competition law loophole.

Under the law, to open a pharmacy an applicant needs approval from the local NHS body, but if it is going to be open for just 100 hours a week, it is granted an exemption.

Since 2005 seven new 100-hour-a-week pharmacies have opened in Dudley, taking the number of chemists in the borough up to 70.

Two others have been approved, but not yet opened, while another four have been proposed, three of which are in Brierley Hill.

## Pupils' farewell at double retirement



Lollipop lady Sheila Voce and headteacher Peter Mountford are retiring from Wolverley Sebright School, Franche Road, Wolverley near Kidderminster

A HEADTEACHER and lollipop lady are preparing to bid a fond farewell to pupils and staff at their school near Kidderminster.

Wolverley Sebright Primary School headteacher Peter Mountford will leave his post on August 31 after 15 years in charge while lollipop lady Sheila Voce has left after 40 years of service.

Mr Mountford, aged 60, of Stourbridge, says he made the decision following the retirement of his wife, special needs teacher Carole, who is aged 56.

He said: "Nowadays children are taught a much broader range of subjects, it's quite amazing what they learn today.

"I have had a wonderful career teaching the children, I know I will probably miss it."

Mr Mountford joined the school following 18 years working as a teacher at five other schools in also presented Mrs Voce, aged 73, of Brook Street, with a bouquet.

She had previously assisted in the school's nursery.

## Owners of 'stolen' copper pipe sought

POLICE are trying to trace the owners of copper pipes believed to have been stolen in Kidderminster. Two teenagers were spotted by officers carrying the piping down Worcester Road on July 10.

They were taken to a local scrapyard but when the police drew up in a vehicle the youths ran from the scene.

Pc Julian Ward said: "The piping was seized and appeared brand new and dry even though the weather was wet. We believe it had been stolen shortly beforehand in that area, possibly from a van or a building site. We would like to hear from anyone who had copper pipes stolen there around then and also if anyone knows who these youths are or saw them."

Both youths were about 5ft 7ins and one had mousey coloured, short hair and was wearing dark clothing.

The other was wearing a grey woolly hat and red sweat-shirt. Pc Ward can be contacted on 101.

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## MP attacks tax rise for summer holiday flights

AN EIGHT per cent tax hike on flights has been slammed by a Dudley MP who says families embarking on summer holidays will be hit. Dudley North MP Ian Austin has raised his concerns in a letter to Chancellor of the Exchequer, George Osborne. For short-haul flights, the tax has increased from £12 to £13. For long-haul flights of more than 4,000 miles, it has gone up from £85 to £92.

## Brass band in the park

The sounds of big band classics will be filling a park this weekend.

Avonbank Brass Band will be performing in Brinton Park in Sutton Road, Kidderminster on July 29 between 2.30pm and 4.30pm.

Entrance is free and the concert is part of the Bands in the Park series which runs every Sunday until August 26.

Visitors are invited to bring a picnic to enjoy the day out.

Despite hopes the Government would reform the aviation tax, after a consultation no new proposals were tabled and the increase was confirmed in the budget.

Passenger groups campaigners, including Fair Tax on Flying and Hands off Our Holidays have attracted public support.

Mr Austin said: "Money is really tight for ordinary families and this increase will hit people already being squeezed."

I've written to George Osborne because the Government has not fulfilled their promises on taxation of the aviation industry."

# Former fire station is to become new homes

A FIRE station which closed as part of a cost-cutting review by West Midlands Fire Service will be demolished and replaced with housing under new plans.

Halesowen Fire Station shut in April despite a public campaign to save it from closure. It followed the merger of Halesowen and Cradley Heath fire stations and the axing of one of the two 24-hour crews. The decision followed in the wake of the fire service being hit with £10 million in government funding cuts between 2011 and 2013.

Now fire chiefs are seeking planning permission for the housing development ahead of putting the building on the market.

A new £3million fire station serving both Halesowen and Cradley Heath will be built on the site of former municipal buildings in Halesowen Road, Cradley Heath.

Firefighters based in Halesowen have been redeployed to other stations in the area until new fire hub opens.

A planning application for new homes on the site of old Halesowen station has been submitted to Dudley Council.

The proposals are for a mix of two and three bedroom homes, a report by agent Rob Duncan says. "It is anticipated that they will be of typical brick and tile construction to reflect the established character of the wider residential area," he adds.

by Heather Large

The Cradley Heath station will also be sold off to help make £1.5m from the sale of the two sites.

Campaigners had battled to save the Halesowen station but the costs of the legal battle proved too heavy for them to continue the fight.

They would have needed to find up to £60,000 to fund a planned judicial review.

One of their main concerns was they feared the merger would leave the area poorly protected in an emergency. In 2010-11, Halesowen attended about 535 incidents. Cradley Heath firefighters went out to about 1,000.

## 300 turn up to day offering just 30 jobs

MORE THAN 300 people turned up to an open day to apply for just 30 jobs which are available at a new Midcounties Co-operative store opening at a former pub in Stourbridge.

The old Broadway pub in Norton is being converted into a convenience store which will open on August 2.

The building in Broadway Road is being refurbished and extended to provide 3,000 sq ft of retail space. Store Manager Jim Stuart said he was "delighted" by the response from jobhunters.

The pub was closed in February last year by licensees Jane and Keith Johnson as they were struggling to make ends meet. It was later put on the market for £345,000 with estate agents Christie & Co and the sale was completed in October.

The shop will offer a selection of fresh food as well as a range of convenience goods and customer facilities including a car park. Mr Stuart said: "We were delighted with the positive response from locals."

## Two more events hit as funding is stretched

TWO more community events in the Dudley borough have been axed this year after cash was ploughed into the borough's Diamond Jubilee and Olympic celebrations instead.

Stourbridge Harvest Festival and Brierley Hill by the Sea have been dropped from this year's events calendar alongside the popular Halesowen by the Sea.

The Brierley Hill event was only launched last year but, like the other two events, drew hundreds of visitors into town centres boosting trade over the summer months.

But officials from Dudley Council have scrapped the events this year so "resources could be focused" on the Diamond Jubilee and Olympic Torch relay events instead. David Harcourt, who helps organise events in Stourbridge, said cancelling the event this year had been disappointing.



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## School's bid to become free has been rejected

AN INDEPENDENT school in Kidderminster will continue to charge tuition fees to students for at least another two years after its bid to become a free school was turned down by the Government.

Holy Trinity International School's application was not among the 102 approved by the Department for Education in the latest round. But staff say they will resubmit the bid for the next application round later this year which if successful could see the site opening as a free school in 2014.

The Government has not made public the reasons for ruling against the application, which would have led to a large number of new school places being available. Free schools are run by groups of parents, teachers, governors, charities, trusts, religious

and voluntary groups. They are funded by central Government and are independent of local councils, giving them greater control over their curriculum, teachers' pay and conditions, and the length of school terms and days.

Headteacher Pamela Leek-Wright said: "Support for the school's application has been overwhelming and we would like to thank our parents, the school staff and the wider community for their strong support."

The Birmingham Road school caters for children from three months to 18 years. Mrs Leek-Wright said the Government's decision would not affect plans for redevelopment including the introduction of the Primary Years Programme (PYP) of the International Baccalaureate for youngsters.

## £2.6m revamp of historic park moves a step closer

**A £2.6 MILLION revamp of an historic Stourbridge park has moved a step closer as council chiefs draw up a bid for funding.**

Dudley Council is working on a second application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for the planned revamp of Mary Stevens Park, in Norton.

A consultation has been launched for the public to give their views on what needs to be done.

Landmarks across the parkland, off

Heath Lane, will be restored should the bid be successful. Top priorities include the restoration of the war memorial and works to the pool and entrance gates around the park.

The main Grade II listed Mary Stevens gates are in urgent need of restoration with brick and ironwork showing signs of decay.

Campaigns led by Stourbridge Township Council have long argued for the Mary Stevens gates to be one of the priorities.

Any remaining funding could be used to open a café or refreshment

kiosk. The public is now being asked for its feedback with an online survey. Once the consultation is finished, the council will complete the application and aims to submit it by February 2013.

The council is applying for £2m from the HLF and has been required to provide match funding of approximately £624,000.

It has already passed the first round of applications.

For more information or to take part in the consultation visit [www.dudley.gov.uk](http://www.dudley.gov.uk)

## Challenge for readers

MORE than 50 people took part in a "six book reading challenge" run at libraries in the Dudley borough.

The initiative is organised by the Reading Agency to encourage less confident readers to take it up by using a diary to rate and record their progress.

Those who took part in Dudley were presented with certificates at Cradley Library to recognise their completion of the challenge.

People who attended included English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) students and visitors to the Halas Homes day centre.

## Pub reaps reward of £185,000 work



Marina Parry and David Facer at the new-look Lenches Bridge pub

A DUDLEY pub which has undergone a £185,000 refurbishment has served almost 2,000 customers in its first week of reopening.

The Lenches Bridge, Pensnett High Street, formerly The Talbot, was purchased by the Individual Holdings group, which already operates The Park Tavern, in Kingswinford, and the Wall Heath Tavern.

Refurbishment took 16 weeks to complete. The old bar features have been retained. Bosses are planning to use the upper floors of the building as a bed and breakfast.

Director David Facer said they were delighted with the early success of the pub. Fellow directors at the firm are Paul Mildenstein and Marina Parry.

## Centre plans plenty to keep young busy

YOUNGSTERS aged eight to 14 will be able to take part in events at Dudley Leisure Centre over the summer holidays.

The sessions will run every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from August 1 to 24.

Children can take part in football, dancing, cycling and T-shirt design, and youngsters will also be able to use games consoles.

Admission for the full days is £10 and children will need to take a packed lunch and refreshments with them. Pre-payment and enrolment is required on 01384 812800.

Youngsters under 16 will also receive 50 per cent off the full adult price for badminton, football, netball and basketball. No pre-booking is necessary for these events.

Cabinet member Councillor Tracy Wood said: "There are plenty of activities to keep children busy."

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## NEWS

# Quarry gets warning on breaching agreed hours

OPERATORS at a Dudley quarry have been caught working outside their allowed hours – and warned they face prosecution if it continues.

Managers at the Ketley Quarry, Kingswinford, have been served a breach of condition notice by Dudley Council. It comes after residents complained trucks were entering the site, in Ketley Road, before the permitted 7.30am start time. Tile and brick makers Hinton, Perry and Davenhill must abide by the rules or face a maximum fine of £1,000.

Permission was recently granted for the quarry to open to loaded vehicles at 7.30am instead of 8am despite residents' objections. And the family firm has revealed plans to open the quarry at 7am, angering locals who say queueing lorries clog up the road.

Campaigners who complained that lorries were arriving too early have welcomed the council's response.

Ward councillor Patrick Harley said: "None of us want to see the quarry close and we want the company to thrive but they need to be a responsible neighbour."

Alex Patrick-Smith, managing director of Hinton Perry and Davenhill, said: "A breach of conditions notice has been served by the council relating to our operators bringing clay on to the site around 15 or 20 minutes earlier than the start time in our planning consent."

"This has now stopped and will be strictly policed. We want to be good neighbours."

Councillor Shaikat Ali confirmed that a breach of condition notice had been served on Hinton Perry and Davenhill for breaches of the planning consent.

## Flats plan at old pub site

A SMALL apartment block is planned for the grounds of a former pub.

Dudley developer SEP has lodged an application to build the two-storey building of six flats behind The Broadway Inn, Stourbridge.

## Torchbearer says thanks



Dennis Saunders with the torch, says thank you to Sandwell Hospital's Dr Inessa Tracey from Cannock and Sharon Larder from West Bromwich

AN OLYMPIC torch-bearer visited a Black Country hospital to thank the staff who saved his life.

Dennis Sanders, aged 75, suffered a major heart attack 20 years ago.

The grandfather from Newton Road, Great Barr said: "It was a Sunday, and luckily there weren't many people on the roads and they got me to Sandwell Hospital in time. My heart stopped and they had to shock me back to life. It took me a

long time to recover." Mr Sanders completed his 300 metre section of the relay at the Black Country Living Museum, in Dudley on June 30 and was no-minated for the run to mark his charity work, including raising hospital funds.

The former Dunlop worker particularly wanted to thank Professor Elizabeth Hughes and cardiac nurse Margaret Pritchard for their care and support over the years.

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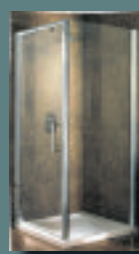
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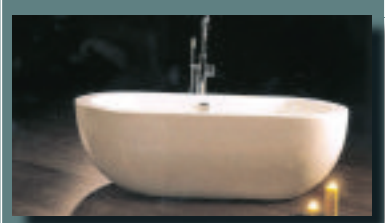
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## NEWS

# Couple's anniversary in ruins as Hoverland fails

A BEWDLEY couple have been left shocked after a dream holiday for their 40th wedding anniversary fell through as coach company Hoverland collapsed.

The firm has left its offices in West Midlands House, Willenhall, and customers are being advised to contact their bank or Citizens Advice.

William and Pauline Brookes paid a £400 deposit for a week's coach trip in Italy when they heard about the firm's demise.

The couple tried to pay the final instalment for their £958 holiday. They posted a cheque but when it wasn't cashed they rang the company.

Mrs Brookes, aged 58, said: "A receptionist told us the company had gone under. We couldn't believe it. We'd booked the holiday last year, and we were set to go in two months." The couple suffered another blow when their holiday insurers, the Post Office, said the deposit was not covered.

Mr Brookes, 62, said: "We don't know what to do. We're supposed to be marking our anniversary but we have no money to get another holiday. We're devastated."

Mr and Mrs Brookes, who live at Riverside Caravan Park and are unemployed, told Walsall Council's trading standards department of their plight. Interim trading standards manager at Walsall Council, Lorraine Boothman, said: "We have made checks and have established the company in question has been dissolved. Officers are now making inquiries." Hoverland European Holidays was unavailable for comment.

## Man, 32, denies robbery

A man has denied taking part in a £16,000 armed robbery in the Dudley

Frank Wilde, aged 32, pleaded not guilty to robbing Thomas Revitt of takings from the Harvester Restaurant at Summerhill House, Wall Heath as he walked to the post office to bank cash.

Wilde of Berrybush Gardens, High Arcal, Sedgley will face a trial at Wolverhampton Crown Court in September.



William and Pauline Brookes who face missing out on their anniversary holiday

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The Birmingham-based business has already begun the project. When complete, the fleet will have vehicles with new modern interiors and cleaner engines that are 20 per cent more efficient.

The work will extend the life of the buses by at least a decade.

Bosses say customers will enjoy cleaner, more comfortable journeys as a result.

Peter Coates, managing director of National Express UK Bus Division, said they were also continuing to invest in new vehicles.

Last year 220 new vehicles including 18 green hybrid buses, were added.

The fuel savings delivered by the refit alone will enable the company to cover the cost of the refurbishment within three years.

The more fuel efficient buses will also help improve air quality in Birmingham, which is a key objective for both Birmingham City Council and transport authority Centre.

Mr Coates said: "We have industry leading engineers in Birmingham delivering a project which will provide customers with more comfortable, cleaner and greener buses."

# Father pledges to continue artist legacy of tragic Mark

Oliver Speight tells **BEN BENTLEY** why he is dedicating his life to the memory of his TV presenter son Mark

**THE feeling of loss, as Mark Speight's father Oliver puts it, is "in perpetuity".**

Wolverhampton-born children's television star and artist Mark took his own life in 2008, but, determined to fund a project to continue his work of taking art into communities, Oliver Speight sold his house and now lives in a hotel.

Today, reflecting upon the moment a police officer knocked on his door to break the news of his son's death, Oliver, aged 74, says: "It was his time, as I look back at it now. But the loss you never, ever get over."

"But the thing I remember when I was first told about what happened was the sense of fun in Mark, because in the wake of his death we had 26,000 emails and 95,000 hits on YouTube, and that told you that he was so loved by children and parents."

"And it took Mark's death to understand why I was living and what my function in life was. Because he handed me a baton. He said 'my energy is gone now, you carry on'."

Mark, who grew up in Tettenhall, had the world at his feet as the host of BBC children's art programme SMart.

But his world fell apart when his fiancée, fellow presenter Natasha Collins, died suddenly after taking cocaine.

Mark, aged 42, was subsequently arrested, but after being released without charge, he disappeared and was found hanged near Paddington Station in London



Oliver Speight: 'Mark was so loved by children and parents'



Presenter Mark Speight

in January 2008. Two suicide notes were discovered a few days later, describing how he could no longer live without Natasha.

Love and affection for Mark was no more apparent than at his funeral at St Michael and All Angels Church in Tettenhall, when hundreds of relatives, friends and colleagues turned out to pay their respects.

And it was here, as Oliver read the eulogy in which he described his son as "a Pied Piper who took children on a magical mystery tour of art", that it came to him just how he would pick up his lad's baton.

Passion, determination, commitment, joy and future vision are words Oliver uses in describing Speight of the Art, but during a chat in a hotel lobby in Telford it quickly becomes clear that these terms perfectly apply to the inspirational figure before me.

Oliver's commitment to the cause is beyond doubt. Selling your house in France to live in a hotel tells you that much.

He has family down the road in Coalport, and says his hotel provides an ideal base from which to travel the country and bring a variety of arts projects to children, many of them disadvantaged.

"I thought, let's continue this artistic and creative journey that Mark had started," says Oliver, who is sure his son would approve of Speight of the Art.

"I think he would be proud, because the work he wanted to do in society is now being done. We funded this mostly ourselves and I have to be careful that we now get sponsorship to take it to the next level, but 9,472 children have so far benefited."

External funding is now vital for the continuation of the work Oliver has started.

A recent joint venture with the NHS Mental Health Trust for South Staffordshire and Shropshire saw workshops conducted. An event at the M6 services at Stafford involved 200 children and was supported by 20,000 members of the public.

In September, Speight of the Art will engage in a venture with Wolverhampton Art Gallery, under the banner 'Bringing Mark home'.

A property businessman by profession, Oliver says: "Speight of the Art has changed my life. It has made me realise that time is of the essence and if I am going to do things I've got to get on with this."

For information on volunteering for Speight of the Art, or to help financially visit [www.speightoftheart.org.uk](http://www.speightoftheart.org.uk)

## Tourism growth to boost economy

TOURISM officers expect the number of visitors to South Staffordshire to increase by 100,000 by 2016, raking in millions of pounds.

With attractions such as V Festival and Baggeridge Country Park, the area already draws 1.8 million tourists a year, making about £85m for the local economy.

Now Grant Mitchell, strategic development manager at South Staffordshire Council, has revealed the council is aiming for another 100,000 visitors within the next four years.

This could be worth as much as £4.7m to the area.

He said this would partly be achieved through a growth in British people taking holidays in their own country.

"Over the past few years we've seen more people holidaying at home and with experts predicting that trend will continue, we're confident of seeing more people visiting our local attractions," he said.

"We're also looking to work with attractions to deliver tailored trips such as the Footsteps of a King Tour, which allows visitors to take in Boscombe Old Hall and Moseley Old Hall all as part of one great package."

Council leader Councillor Brian Edwards said tourism was a "hugely important part of the local economy".

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## MEMORY LANE



Modern day Lumberjills Jacqui Blackford, left, and Sarah Bowers



Lumberjills – and jacks – take time out to pose for this old picture



Lumberjills at work during the Second World War



A Lumberjills newsletter produced during the war

## When tree fellers had jills to do the lumbering

**THEY came to Staffordshire to fell trees for vital timber in the Second World War, some of them still teenagers away from home for the first time.**

Just like Jack in the children's nursery rhyme had his Jill, so the lumberjacks of Cannock Forest had their lumberjills to take over their work when they were called to fight at the Front.

Now the search is on to find women who worked in Staffordshire's woodlands during the 1939-45 conflict. The little-known lumberjills made a crucial contribution supplying timber for use as pit props and aircraft manufacture, and even in bomb-making.

At its peak, the Women's Timber Corps, set up 70 years ago, had about 8,000 members, young women who were billeted with families or in camps. They felled and planted trees, meas-

by Marion Brennan

ured them and drove tractors. Members of the WTC, an off-shoot of the Land Army, wore distinctive green uniforms and had their own beret badge featuring a conifer tree.

Today there are still lumberjills but these days machinery does much of the heavy work. Jason MacLean, of the Forestry Commission, which has launched the lumberjill search, said: "It was tough work back then as every tree had to be cut down by hand."

"Even in wartime the women performing this work could cut down 30 trees using a two-handed cross saw if they became very proficient. They really blazed a trail for the women who came after them."

Modern-day lumberjill Jacqui Blackford, based at Birches Valley on Cannock, Chase does not chop down trees but is involved in the important work of introducing schoolchildren to

the forest and helping to educate them about this special environment.

Her female colleagues are involved in planning, planting, design and management of the forest and many can use a chainsaw if required.

The 49-year-old former veterinary nurse said: "I've always been an outdoor girl, and it's nice now to have the forest as your office or classroom. "Education has become an important part of our work."

The Forestry Commission say many women from the region must have served as lumberjills in the war but very little is known about where they were posted locally. Possible postings could have included Cannock Forest.

Anyone who was a lumberjill or had a family member who served in a Forestry Commission woodland during the last war is asked to contact Louise Fleetwood on 01623 821 457 or email [louise.fleetwood@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:louise.fleetwood@forestry.gsi.gov.uk)



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## Staff celebrate milestone for hard-working clinic

STAFF at a clinic in Dudley have marked its third birthday.

The Dudley Borough Walk-in Centre at the Holly Hall Clinic, Stourbridge Road treated more than 47,000 patients in the last year.

The doctors and nurses at the centre see an average of 3,900 patients every month.

Their busiest month so far was in December 2011 when 4,371 patients attended with a variety of health problems.

Centre manager, Beryl Wickstead, has been there from the start and was instrumental in setting up the service and recruiting the team.

They now have several GPs working there and have recently recruited additional senior nurses and nurses who specialise in

treating minor illness. Mrs Wickstead said: "I'm delighted we have reached this three-year milestone."

"Since we started we have seen many thousands of people who have needed urgent treatment that did not warrant a trip to hospital A&E."

"People who attend the walk-in centre are seen within an hour and our popularity is a testament to the excellent team we have working here. From the reception staff to the lead doctor, everyone works together for the benefit of the people who need our help."

"We have also built up close relationships with the local GP practices, NHS community teams, hospital departments and the ambulance service."

## Holden's expansion set

**A BLACK COUNTRY brewery has been given the go-ahead to expand in moves that will see production increase by 50 per cent.**

Dudley Council has approved plans for a three-storey extension at Holden's Brewery in Woodsetton.

The £200,000 expansion at the site in George Street will include a 70,000-pint storage tank and two fermenting vessels.

It will mean production of the brewery's five beers can be stepped up from 50,000 to 75,000 pints per week.

Managing director Jonathan Holden said: "This is an exciting

time for the brewery. In the current financial climate to think we are doing well is very pleasing."

"I think it is down to our good, local product, its price and the quality of landlords who sell it on."

The brewery's expansion plans also include exporting one beer, called Golden Special Bitter, to Japan.

### Bottle

To support the move the company has also opened a new bottle store and office space at its site.

Mr Holden said: "We are finding that people really enjoy the organic taste of our cask ale beers - there is a real market for them. It will be

great not just to serve in the West Midlands, but also the high street."

Ground work is already complete for the site expansion, with work to begin soon on the storage space.

The plan follows an earlier one, also approved by Dudley Council, which was for a two-storey expansion.

However, this was dropped for the new scheme, which could be followed by further work at the site over the next two years. Bosses have said they hope to build a brewing house, with a planning application likely to be submitted next year.

The firm is one of the oldest of its kind in the area and was started in 1915.

## Apology on music event

ORGANISERS of a music festival have apologised after they were forced to cancel it at the last minute due to bad weather.

The Hole in the Wall Festival at Hopton Court, Hopton Wafers near Kidderminster was due to take place last weekend, and would have featured tribute acts T-Rexstasy, Fred Zeppelin, The Counterfeit Stones, and Definitely Might Be.

Bosses organising the event decided conditions were too dangerous for it to go ahead.

## Heartbreak mother in charity bike ride



Aaron Greasley, Steve Guest, Jamie Palmer, Chris Stables, Rob Wyer, and Philip Howell with front Shelley Greasley, and Alan Greasley, ready for the ride

A MOTHER left heartbroken by her baby's sudden death has organised a charity bike ride in her memory.

Shelley Greasley, aged 31, of Green Hill Road, Dudley, hopes to raise thousands after organising the ride, for eight friends and family, from Dudley to Blackpool in August.

The money will go to Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths, which helped Mrs Greasley in the months after her daughter Lillymai died at only four weeks old on March 18. Mrs Greasley said: "It was devastating - to see your baby die in front of you is so heartbreaking."

Mrs Greasley's husband Aaron, 22, and father-in-law Alan will also be taking part on the ride from August 17-19. To sponsor them email Mrs Greasley at shelly.charlesworth@hotmail.co.uk

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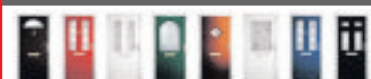
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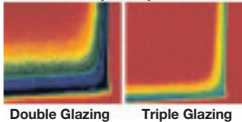
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## REVIEW

# High energy Madonna is still in Vogue at 53

**Good clean fun enjoyed by everyone**

Rhys Darby, Birmingham Town Hall  
IT WOULD have taken just two words from Rhys to set me off. They would have been spoken by his character Murray – the ineffectual manager in hit comedy Flight of the Conchords – and they would, of course, have been "band meeting". It's just something about the way he says them.

He didn't say them, but he didn't need to. His show was a riot from start to finish. His language was clever and his timing spot-on, but his physical energy too beguiled his near sell-out audience. Whether he was imitating a horse doing dressage, living out the social squagmire of shaking hands or taking a sideways glance at hot-air driers he kept everyone in stitches.

He used mime, sound effects and simple silly humour, happily removed from the more menacing acts of his comedy peers. No one suffered a sense of dread wondering who was going to be picked out. It was good clean fun enjoyed by varying age groups who gave Rhys the deafening applause he deserved.

Sarah Cowen

Madonna, Birmingham NIA  
ONLY a few hits were performed, the tickets were eye-wateringly expensive, she kept the audience waiting until 9.45pm and shocked some with her gory and grotesque imagery.

Yet, Madonna's first concert at a near-full arena – her only England date outside London – was a triumph. Star quality and the power of her personality shone through the spectacular MDNA show that ran until just gone 11.30pm.

Those expecting a greatest hits package may have been disappointed as it drew heavily on the pounding dance music of her recent MDNA album.

When hits were performed it was sometimes in radically new forms. Like A Virgin became a sultry slow-burning ballad, while a twist on Open Your Heart featured the percussion and harmonies of Basque musicians Kalakan Trio.

But the 53-year-old superstar did deliver a fantastic Vogue, complete with fashion parade, and a big finale of Like A Prayer and Celebration – hits from 20 years apart.

Madonna is still vibrant, infuriating, exciting and knows how to put on a damn good show and this was high energy. Dancers included her 11-year-old son Rocco Ritchie.

Girl Gone Wild set the pace but matters turned darker with Revolver and Gang Bang, with a gun-toting catsuit-wearing Madonna assassinating her dancers with Tarantino-like splashes of gore exploding over the huge video wall.

I Don't Give A featured an on-screen Nicki Minaj rap before – dressed as a baton-twirling 1940s drum major – complete with marching band – Madonna lightened the mood with Express Yourself. Next came Give Me All Your Lovin' then a rousing Turn Up The Radio.

The ballad Masterpiece was followed by the kinky stuff, shedding her clothes for Erotic Candy Shop and Human Nature. Down to her underwear, Like A Virgin saw her manhandled by a dancer.

Madonna on stage during her MDNA Tour at The NIA



**Chemistry a part of Lady A's success**

Lady Antebellum, 02 Academy, Birmingham  
COUNTRY music remains deeply unfashionable in the UK but the likes of Lady Antebellum and Taylor Swift are challenging that.

Much of the Tennessee trio's success can be attributed to their quality songs and the chemistry between singers Charles Kelley and Hillary Scott.

The mellow tones of Kelley and purity of Scott are complementary and they come closer and closer together in the love songs until on Just A Kiss they looked about to seal the moment – and the lights blazed out. Nice theatrical touch.

Kelley, in jeans and T-shirt, paced the stage like a rocker and Scott, splendid in sparkling sequins, came into her own on American Honey. Third member Dave Haywood impressed on guitar, mandolin and piano.

Fresh from supporting Bruce Springsteen in London, Lady A were playing the last date of their UK tour and seemed genuinely humbled by their rousing reception. Their 90-minute set reached a satisfying conclusion with the inevitable encore of Need You Now.

Leon Burakowski

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# Ann's transformation

ANN flashes an engaging smile and declares confidently: "I'm looking to join a choir – I love singing."

The retired general nurse, midwife and public health worker from the Midlands, continues: "It's one of the things I want to do again, having been involved in a Finding the Voice course."

"It's such a joyous pastime and what's more, it gives me pleasure while hopefully putting something back into life for others." It is hard to imagine Ann shying away from anything – a consummate, articulate professional, who embraces life and opportunity with an infectious enthusiasm.

But trouble with her teeth began to erode her positive approach and she admits her self-image took a dive. I became too self-conscious of my teeth."

She adds: "Family get-togethers over meals became awkward for me because my teeth were not functional, but it was at my mother's 90th birthday party it really came home to me. 'What's the matter with your teeth?'

"She said 'they're all misshapen'. It was true.

"My mother said what no-one else would say. It's true also, teeth can be life-damaging." Ann, who once worked in Australia before meeting her husband and returning to the UK, had suffered periodontal (gum) disease of her top crown.

Some teeth had become loose and twisted while other, more mobile teeth, had to be extracted. Her sister was a patient with Wolverhampton implantologist Jonathon Pugh BDS MSc, principal dentist at Parkdale Dental Clinic on Tettenhall Road, and she persuaded her to have a consultation with him.

Mr Pugh recalls: "Sadly, by this time,

Ann's gum disease was aggressive and far too advanced so we didn't have the option to treat her gum disease. We had to extract all of her upper teeth and then place four implants to support an implant-retained denture."

Ann's case was then referred to Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS (Eng) of the Denture Clinic, which is also

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based at the Parkdale practice, and he prescribed and made the prosthetic. Mr Burchell, who also has a clinic in North Street, Dudley, says: "With the implant-retained top denture we could guarantee stabilisation, giving Ann the smile she wanted and excellent functionality too."

Ann, a volunteer support worker at a

hospice, adds: "I cannot speak highly enough of both clinics which provided excellent treatment for me."

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## CLUB NEWS

### £1 charge made for meetings

### Club's new president handed chain of office

#### WORDSLEY M TWG

THE July meeting was opened by vice chairman Ann Birchell who later welcomed the speaker to talk about Wiltshire Farm Foods.

The annual Federation lunch will be on July 30 at Wharton Golf and Country Club, Bewdley and the annual Harvest supper is on October 10 at Wollaston Village Hall.

On November 10 a Christmas decoration workshop takes place at the Ruskin Centre, Wollaston. The next lunch club meeting will be on August 6 at the Hollybush, Penn, and the September 3 meeting will be at The Bell, Kingswinford. Christmas lunch has been booked at the Himley 'Best Western' Hotel.

A garden/coffee morning will be held at Liz Hubbard's home on August 15 and at Margaret Ford's on August 19. A trip to John's Garden at Ashwood Nurseries is arranged for August 22.

A vote was unanimously passed that 'due to the ever increasing costs/charges by speakers a small charge of £1 per meeting be made'. This to include refreshments and to start in September.

Wordsley TG took part in the Wordsley Green Community Centre open day on June 30 and had a table to display the group's activities and forthcoming events.

The next group meeting will be on September 17 with an insight from Hannah Nolan into Acorn Children's Hospice.



Past president Richard Garbett hands over the chain of office to new incumbent Tony Brown

#### ROTARY CLUB OF SEDGLEY & WOMBOURNE

ROTARIAN Tony Brown has been inducted as the new president. Past president Richard Garbett handed over the chain of office.

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## Letter sent from Palace

ENID Fennell was pleased to welcome two visitors as well as Sheila Watts following her recent illness.

Discussion centred around the two excellent parties in celebration of the Queen's 60-year reign.

Correspondence included a "Thank You" from Sheila for the flowers and good wishes she received.

A letter from Buckingham Palace thanked the club for

#### K'FORD TWG

the greetings sent to Her Majesty on her Jubilee.

Chris Grove gave an account the NCM in Birmingham. Josie Smith said she felt honoured to be the Federation Banner carrier.

Speaker was Graham Fisher, who spoke of the development of the glass industry and the part played

by the canal system. He was thanked by Sue Cotterrell. Joan Harris was thanked for her floral arrangement.

From 7.30pm on August 15 at the community centre in High Street, members will be treated to a demonstration of floral art by Linda Jackson.

The next monthly meeting will be on August 13 with a talk about the work of the Ikikara Bakery.

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Looking over the roofs in the city of Vienna

# Waltz off to Vienna to find why art world is in a whirl

**OPULENCE, decadence, culture as well as the best cakes in the world – Vienna is the traveller's hot ticket for 2012.**

Glimmering galleries and museums stand on almost every corner, and coffee-house aromas of ground beans, hot chocolate and honeyed pastries gild the air.

For the third year running, Vienna has been voted the 'most liveable' city in the world – meaning the health, wealth, leisure and day-to-day needs of its fold are met at an enviably high level. This can only be good news for the tourist whose stresses and cares can be eased by a dip into this well-oiled playground of a capital, where comfort, transport, entertainment and Wiener Schnitzel reign.

## Fascination

But while today's Vienna is remarkable, it is the Vienna of the early 1900s that holds such a fascination for visitors who want to immerse themselves in the beauty of a bygone era – and the city is ready to share its success.

This year is the 150th anniversary of the birth of artist Gustav Klimt, the turn-of-the-century genius whose painting The Kiss is one of the most easily recognisable and revered images in the world.

Vienna has pulled out all the stops to celebrate. This year there are more works by Klimt on show than ever before through eight special exhibitions and these are in addition to the wealth of his art which is incorporated into the city's buildings.

Art fans with little time should head straight for the Lower Belvedere palace which is home not only to the largest collection of Gustav Klimts but The Kiss, said to epitomise the spirit of

change that heralded the modernist era. It is worth the scrum to savour this vision and to eavesdrop on fellow viewers happy to exchange conflicting views on what the painting means. Discussion still rages on about the identity of the two lovers in the painting and whether their embrace is being shared or endured.

Other must-sees are The Secession building – which houses the Beethoven Frieze; the Kunsthistorisches Museum which has Klimt's work on the stairway, the ceiling paintings of the Burgtheater; the Wein Museum which has the largest collection of his drawings and my favourite, the Leopold Museum, which is running Klimt: Up Close and Personal until August 27.

Here his masterpieces are exhibited alongside photos of the man himself together with postcards and letters written by him to his muse Emilie Flöge over 20 years. I was lucky enough to be there on its opening night, and the buzz as the artist's life was laid bare was a genuine thrill to experience. Even those with little or no knowledge of art will soon find themselves, as I

did, caught up in the whole saga of Klimt and his friends. In 1910 they were pioneers in the world of literature, visual art, architecture and music and were at the helm of a Vienna that had a population of two million and was the world's fifth largest city. Their legacy is all around. The city is one of the most important cultural centres in the world with architecture, painting, poetry and music in abundance.

It is home to the Vienna Boys' Choir, which was founded in 1498 and counts Joseph Haydn and Franz Schubert among past pupils. Reservations can be made to hear them sing on Sunday mornings in the Palace chapel.

And forward-thinkers should also buy tickets for the renowned Vienna State Opera, which never has the same performance two nights running.

## Sumptuous

I enjoyed the most sumptuous production of Carmen, and was almost as spellbound by the majestic staircases, high-ceilinged and ornamentation as I was enthralled by Bizet's tragic tale. For lovers of fresh air, half of the city's total area is made up of gardens, parks, and woods, and as a third of all journeys are made by public transport, they are easy to find.

Rests in between are easy with 800 coffee houses dotted throughout the city. Food is rich and fulsome – hearty soups, stews, meatballs, herrings and goulash washed down with local beer and wines.

Visitors inspired by what they find can visit the many markets and take home their own taste of Vienna. I did. No pastries or sausage for me though, but a small jug emblazoned with a print of The Kiss – a reminder of a trip which brought art, a city and a whole era to life.

Sarah Cowen



Enjoy a visit to one of Vienna's 800 coffee houses



The inside of the Vienna State Opera house captivates

## Limerick and the Heritage Towns of Ireland's Shannon Region 5-day Coach Trip

Limerick is a jewel of a county nestled into Ireland's glorious Shannon region. Around every corner is something different, a charming village, an eccentric castle, an archaeological wonder or an awesome view.

### Look what's included...

**Day 1:** Meet our coach this morning as we head for Holyhead and board the Ferry to Dublin. Its an easy drive on the N7 to Limerick - about 2 hours away.



**Days 2 and 3:** We visit the charming twin towns of Ballina and Killaloe - one on each side of the river Shannon and linked by a stone bridge. The beautiful village of Adare. With its many original thatched cottages, Adare is often said to be the prettiest village in Ireland. We pass through the famous town of Tipperary to Cashell. One of the regions most important heritage towns and home to one of Ireland's most-visited attractions - The Rock of Cashell. We also stop a while at ancient Holy Cross Abbey - a beautiful, peaceful spot on the river Suir.

**Day 4:** Is left free to explore Limerick and we travel home next day after a last hearty Irish Breakfast.

We stay for 4 nights at **Pery's Hotel** in Limerick town. An excellent 3 star hotel - our customers love it. The hotel likes to serve a welcome punch on arrival and then dinner is served later.

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## Saundersfoot & Pembrokeshire 5 day trip

Saundersfoot is a very picturesque fishing village on the Pembrokeshire coast, located at the foot of a wooded valley with sandy beaches and a harbour.

### Merlewood Hotel, Saundersfoot

Impressive sea views plus a nice garden / patio area with swimming pool, restaurant & bar. All rooms ensuite, full facilities & regular evening entertainment.

Price includes: 4 nights D/B/B basis plus coach travel & trips out as shown. Single Supp £20

### Look what's included...

**Day 1:** Journey through the Welsh countryside, arriving at the hotel late afternoon with time to settle-in before dinner.

**Day 2:** Full day excursion to Pembroke, St. David's and Haverfordwest.

**Day 3:** Half-day trip taking in Laugharne, Pendine Sands, Amroth, Wisemans Bridge and Tenby - a lovely resort with a beautiful beaches.

**Day 4:** There's lots to see and do in Saundersfoot so today is left free so you can explore at your own pace.

**Day 5:** Breakfast then we travel home.

Coach departs: Monday 8th October £198

## Blackpool illuminations 4 Star Break £79

A fabulous short break, see the famous Lights and the Lake District and stay at the Hilton Blackpool with dinner and full breakfast, just £79



### Look what's included...

**Day 1 Sunday:** Meet your coach on Sunday morning for our leisurely journey up to Blackpool. We'll break our journey at Oswaldtwistle Mills in Lancashire where you can browse a myriad of unusual shops, garden centre and you can have lunch here too if you wish. We arrive at your hotel late afternoon with time to settle-in before dinner. After dinner (around 7:30pm) your coach will take you on a tour of the famous golden mile. The least traffic is on Sunday evenings so it's a good time to enjoy the lights. We return to the hotel later this evening and you could enjoy a nightcap or two in the hotel bar - or try one of the many other bars on the promenade.

**Day 2 Monday:** Breakfast, then we go up to the Lake District where you'll have time to yourself in Bowness and Ambleside before we leave for home, arriving back early evening.

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## THE WAY I SEE IT

# Economic policies are failing and people are paying price

I WISH we hadn't been proved right, but the latest economic figures show all our warnings about the reckless Tories have come true.

Savings have to be made, but cutting too far and too fast has made things much worse.

Families and businesses are paying the price with prices rising faster than wages, companies going bust and long-term unemployment at a 17 year high.

According to the latest figures there are 46,212 people in the Black Country chasing only 6,815 vacancies.

That's nearly seven people for every job.

In Dudley youth unemployment is up 267 per cent on last year.

I remember leaving school in the "bad old" days of the 1980s when youth unemployment rose even after the recession had ended.

Some of the people I left school with have struggled to work since which is one of the reasons we now have families where three generations have never worked.

The Tories didn't care about the plight of jobless young people then and they show no signs of understanding the damage being done now.

They've got rid of EMA, they trebled tuition fees,



**Dudley North Labour MP Ian Austin takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views on issues that matter**

*"David Cameron and George Osborne and the rest of them clearly think they were born to rule. The problem is they're no good at it."*

scrapped the Future Jobs Fund, cut Connexions.

They're not just heartless, but hopeless too.

More people out of work claiming benefits rather than paying taxes means the Government is borrowing £150 billion more than they planned.

Britain's debt is getting bigger, not smaller.

In six months of shambles, they've had to U-turn on petrol, pasties, caravans, churches and charities, the Government is showing that it is incompetent and is making the wrong decisions for the country.

They've also had to scrap plans to sell off the forests, end free school milk, introduce tough

knife crime sentences and cut child benefit.

But there are some changes they've refused to make.

On their most disastrous decisions the Government is pressing on.

They are still cutting the top rate of tax to give a tax cut of over £40,000 to millionaires.

At the same time ordinary families in Dudley are having to pay more, wealthy Tories are showing whose side they're on by cutting taxes for themselves and their multi-millionaire mates.

And they're so out of touch they're going ahead with the "granny tax" too. As a result 4.4 million pensioners - many thou-

sands here in Dudley - will lose an average of £83 from next year.

Most damagingly, they refuse to abandon their failed economic plan which has choked off growth, cost jobs and pushed the UK into a double dip recession.

David Cameron and George Osborne and the rest of them clearly think they were born to rule. The problem is they're no good at it.

**Jeff Jewkes**

I was very sad to learn of the death of Jeff Jewkes, former councillor and deputy-Mayor of Dudley last week.

He passed away after a short battle with cancer at the age of 71.

I knew and worked with Jeff for well over 20 years. I was proud to call him a friend.

He was a great man. He served the people of Gornal and Dudley with great distinction.

He helped huge numbers of people in the area and worked so hard for local people, good causes like Action Heart and the St John's Church Preservation Group and the Labour Party.

Just a few weeks ago Jeff was working day and night as he always did in the elections so the severity of his illness has been a real shock. Like many other people in Dudley, I'll never forget the friendship, advice and support he always gave me.

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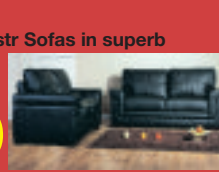


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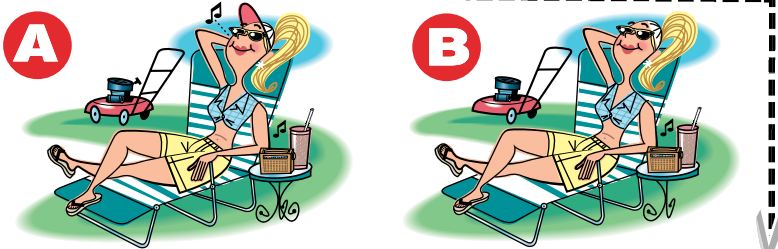
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# What's On!

## Centre creating fun for children

DUDLEY Leisure Centre on Wellington Road is running a full day of activities suitable for eight to 14 year olds from 9am until 4pm during the school summer holiday.

The sessions run every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from Wednesday and include football, dance mats, Nintendo Wii, multi skill activities, t-shirt design and trixter bikes.

A full day of activities cost £10 per day and children will need to bring a packed lunch and refreshments with them.

To book a place call 01384 812800.

## Following trail for walk in wood

EVERY day until August 31. Visitors can follow a self-guided walk around Saltwells Wood.

It follows the sculpture trail through the wood and will give people the chance to see the wildflowers and wildlife which live in the area. The trail starts at the Saltwells Local Nature Reserve car park, off Saltwells Lane, Quarry Bank. For more information ring 01384 812795.

## Art exhibition

AN EXHIBITION devoted to acclaimed art teacher Marion Richardson is on at Dudley Museum and Art Gallery. Admission is free and it runs until September 22. The museum opens weekdays from 10am to 4pm.

# Coronation Street reunion for Grand's panto stars

ONE of the most well-loved TV soap couples will be reunited on stage at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre this year as it was announced Ken Morley has joined the pantomime cast.

Ken, best known for playing Reg Holdsworth in Coronation Street, will be teaming up in Jack and the Beanstalk with Benidorm and Loose Women star Sherrie Hewson, who played his on-screen wife Maureen in the soap.

## Elbow room at the NIA

BRIT and Mercury Music Prize winning Bury rock band Elbow are going to be in concert at Birmingham NIA in November as part of their UK tour.

Tickets - priced £29.50 plus fees - go on sale tomorrow (Friday) from 9am via [www.theticketfactory.com](http://www.theticketfactory.com) or 0844 338 8000.

## Olympic

The band, fronted by Guy Garvey, have composed the theme music for the BBC's Olympic coverage, entitled First Steps.

Elbow's debut UK arena tour in 2011 sold out and they've even launched their own beer. Dead in the Boot, their B-sides album, is due out next month.

The couple's comedy partnership on Corrie delighted audiences during the 1990s. Actor and comedian Ken will play The King.

Tamworth-based singer Niki Evans, who shot to fame on The X-Factor, returns for her third Grand Theatre panto as The Fairy. Highly-rated pantomime performer Nigel Ellacott joins the line-up as Jack's mother, Dame Trott.

## Orville

Already announced for the star-studded show is Keith Harris, with his sidekicks Orville the duck and Cuddles the monkey.

The actor playing the lead role of Jack has yet to be announced.

Jack and the Beanstalk will open on December 8 and runs until January 20.

It is already proving a hit with more than 14,500 tickets having been pre-booked.



Sherrie Hewson (centre) and Ken Morley (centre right) make it a Coronation Street reunion in Wolverhampton Grand's panto Jack and the Beanstalk. Also in the cast are, left, Niki Evans, Keith Harris and, right, top panto dame Nigel Ellacott. More than 14,500 tickets have been booked with more than four months to curtain up

## Cancer charity football match

FOOTBALLERS from a non-league club will help raise money for a Black Country cancer charity.

Dudley Town FC is hosting the match for Cancer Support based at The White House.

Two Dudley Town select XI's will face each other in the charity match at the Dell Stadium, Brierley Hill, on Saturday. The sides have been put together by first team and under-18 team managers Andy Burgess, Andy Wyton, Mark Phillips and Pip Hanson.

The game will take place at the stadium, in Bryce Road, with kick-off at 6.30pm.

## Ramblers ready for dual event

DUDLEY Ramblers will be running two walks on Sunday.

They will start from Flood Street car park in Dudley. The first will be a walk of six miles to Dudmaston which starts at 10am. The second will be 11 miles and walkers will go to Meon Hill. New members are always welcome. For further information contact Steve Edwards on 01384 456991.

## Summer fair

A SUMMER fair will be held at Quarry Bank Community Centre, Sheffield Street on Saturday from 1pm. Visitors will be able to buy homemade cakes, take part in a raffle and enjoy refreshments.

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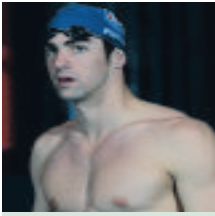
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## What's On!

## SATURDAY'S TV 28.07.12

## CHOICE



Michael Phelps

Olympics 2012  
BBC1, 7pm

Gary Lineker presents all the key action live on the opening evening of the eagerly anticipated London Games. Much of tonight's focus will be on the swimming at the Aquatics Centre. Proceedings get under way with Michael Phelps looking to add to his record 14 Olympic golds when he competes in the 400m individual medley final. Away from the pool, men's bantamweight and middleweight boxing will take place at the ExCel London, with Luke Campbell and Anthony Ogogo genuine medal contenders for Great Britain in the respective divisions.

## BBC1

**6.00** Olympic Breakfast. A round-up of national and international news. **9.00** Olympics 2012. Mishal Husain introduces coverage of the opening rowing and swimming heats, along with news from the men's cycling road race and the women's 10m air rifle. **11.30** Olympics 2012. Including further coverage of the rowing and swimming heats. **1.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **1.15** Olympics 2012. Jake Humphrey presents coverage of the conclusion to the men's cycling road race, which culminates in a finish on the Mall. **4.45** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.00** Olympics 2012. Coverage of this afternoon's archery and tennis.

**7.00** Olympics 2012. Gary Lineker presents coverage on the opening evening of the Games, featuring the first four swimming finals at the Aquatics Centre and the latest men's bantamweight and middleweight bouts at the ExCel London. The schedule features the 7.30 men's 400m butterfly semi-final, 7.40 women's 100m butterfly semi-final, 7.49 men's 400m freestyle final, 8.09 women's 400m individual medley final, 8.30 men's 100m breaststroke semi-finals and 8.50 women's 4x100m freestyle relay final.

**10.00** BBC News; Weather. **10.20** The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws.

**10.30** Olympics Tonight. A look back at the day's action and the latest live events. **12.00** BBC News. **12.10** Olympic Sportsday. Dan Walker presents a final round-up of the opening day's events at London 2012. **12.55** Weather. **1.00** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** Film: Run of the Arrow. (1957) **1.20** Film: El Cid. (1961) **4.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.15** Formula 1: Hungarian Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights.

**6.30** Flog It! Will Axon and Thomas Plant value items in Southend-on-Sea, Essex, including a Delftware bowl and a lighter, while presenter Paul Martin heads to a local museum. (R)

**7.30** Dad's Army. Comedy, starring John Laurie. (R)

**8.00** BBC Proms 2012. Daniel Barenboim conducts the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra in a performance of Beethoven's Symphony No 9 in D minor (Choral) at the Royal Albert Hall. Presented by Katie Derham.

**9.20** Barenboim on Beethoven: Nine Symphonies That Changed the World. Conductor Daniel Barenboim explains why he believes Beethoven's symphonies are among the most powerful pieces of music ever created, as he performs them in China and South Korea.

**10.50** TOTIP2. Mark Radcliffe introduces performances from the BBC archive, featuring artists including Altered Images, the Who and Belinda Carlisle, as well as a song by Rufus Wainwright. (R) National Lottery Update.

**11.50** Film: Jersey Girl. (2004) New love gives hope to a man trying to raise his baby alone after his wife dies in childbirth and he loses his job. Kevin Smith's romantic comedy, with Ben Affleck and Liv Tyler.

**1.30** Film: Golden Door. (2006) **3.20** Close.

## ITV1

**6.00** CITV: Mini City. **7.20** CITY. **8.25** Saturday Cookbook. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** The Real Housewives of New York City. **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **1.10** Dancing on Ice Goes Gold. (R) **3.10** Film: The Spy Who Loved Me. (1977) James Bond spy adventure, starring Roger Moore. **5.30** Regional Programme; Weather. **5.45** ITV News; Weather.

**6.00** Agatha Christie's Marple. The nursery rhyme Sing a Song of Sixpence is connected to the murders of a business magnate, his wife and their maid. Julia McKenzie stars as Miss Marple. (R)

**8.00** Midsomer Murders. A farmer is found dead at a sacred stone circle in Midsomer Mow and suspicion initially falls on local druids, but Barnaby is convinced greed rather than spiritualism is the motive. (R)

**10.00** ITV News; Weather. **10.15** Mad Mad World. Joe Swash, Kimberly Wyatt and Charlie Baker are the guests joining team captains Rufus Hound and Rhys Darby and regular panellist Rob Rouse for the comedy quiz.

**10.55** Film: Alexander. (2004) A Macedonian king undertakes an 11-year campaign to create the world's most powerful empire. Oliver Stone's historical epic, starring Colin Farrell, Angelina Jolie and Val Kilmer.

**1.50** The Store. Home shopping; ITV News Headlines. **2.55** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

## CHANNEL 4

**6.05** Channel 4 Presents: London 2012 – David Clarke Pt III. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** British Formula Ford Championship. **7.00** The Grid. **7.30** That Paralympic Show. (R) **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Ibiza Rocks: Labrinth. (R) **9.10** T4: Shooting Calvin Harris and Example. **9.45** T4: New Girl. (R) **10.15** T4: Revenge. **11.15** T4: Suburgatory. **11.45** T4: Summer Daze. **12.20** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.50** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.20** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **4.15** Channel 4 Presents: London 2012 – Will Bayley Part III. (R) **4.20** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.50** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.20** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.55** Come Dine with Me. (R)

**6.20** Come Dine with Me. Rebecca Ryan hosts the final dinner party in York. (R)

**6.50** Channel 4 News.

**7.25** The Million Pound Drop. Joe Swash and Jessica Jane Clement finish their game, then Debra Stephenson and Jon Culshaw, and Martin Kemp and his son Roman take their turn on the high-stakes quiz.

**9.00** Film: The Women. (2008) Premiere. A group of rich women rallies round when a friend learns of her husband's affair. Comedy drama remake with an all-female cast, starring Meg Ryan and Annette Bening.

**11.10** Film: Red Cliff. (2008) Premiere. John Woo's historical drama, with Tony Leung Chiu Wai and Takeshi Kaneshiro. In Mandarin.

**1.50** The Million Pound Drop. (R) **3.05** Southland. **3.50** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.35** Deal or No Deal: Gold Medal Deal. **5.30** Countdown. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.00** Meerkat Manor. (R) **10.30** Monkey Life. (R) **11.00** Big Brother: The Eviction. (R) **12.00** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **1.00** Film: Murder 101. (2006) Mystery, starring Dick Van Dyke. **2.45** Live Football. **5.15** Film: Jesse Stone: Night Passage. (2006)

**7.00** 5 News Weekend.

**7.05** NCIS. Abby babysits a bright nine-year-old while the rest of the team searches for the youngster's missing father – a survivor wanted in connection with a case of robbery and murder. (R)

**7.55** NCIS. The investigators identify the man they believe to be the port-to-port killer, and rush to apprehend him before he can claim any more victims. Last in the series. (R)

**8.55** 5 News Weekend.

**9.00** Big Brother. The latest updates from the house. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.

**10.00** CSI: Miami. The team investigates when a male escort is found murdered in a private hotel cabin and discovers the victim had been providing his services to the establishment's guests.

**11.00** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A woman reports the disappearance of her son in a park and the investigation focuses on a suspicious man seen loitering in the vicinity – but all is not as it appears. (R)

**12.00** SuperCasino. **4.00** HouseBusters. (R) **4.25** Great Scientists. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide to Beaches. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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**BBC Three**  
**8.30** Olympics 2012 **2.00** Olympics 2012 **7.00** Olympics 2012 **11.00** Russell Howard's Good News **11.30** Live at the Electric

**BBC Four**  
**7.00** The Blue Planet. The effects of tides on marine life. **8.00** 10 Things You Didn't Know About Earthquakes **9.00** Wallander: Sidelacked – Part One **10.25** Natural World **11.15** Arena: Amy Winehouse – The Day She Came to Dingle **ITV2**

**2.40** America's Got Talent **5.25** Film: King Kong (2005) **9.00** Film: Quantum of Solace (2008) James Bond thriller, starring Daniel Craig. **11.10** Celebrity Juice

**ITV3**  
**5.50** Film: The Secret of My Success (1987) **8.00** Film: Doc Hollywood (1991) Comedy, starring Michael J Fox. **10.00** Agatha Christie's Marple

**ITV4**  
**3.45** British Superbike Championship Highlights **4.45** The Cycle Show **5.15** Film: The Great Outdoors (1988) **7.00** The Sweeney **8.00** Minder **9.00** Film: Fire Down Below (1997) **11.10** Film: Escape from New York (1981)

**E4**  
**3.05** Desperate Housewives **4.00** Revenge **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** Rules of Engagement **8.30** Suburgatory **9.00** Film: Blade: Trinity (2004) **11.10** The Big Bang Theory

**Film4**  
**3.10** Ponyo (2008) **5.15** A Walk in the Clouds (1995) Romantic drama, starring Keanu Reeves, Aitana Sanchez-Gijon and Anthony Quinn. **7.15** Jumper (2008) Fantasy thriller. **9.00** Run Fat Boy Run (2007) **10.55** Team America: World Police (2004)

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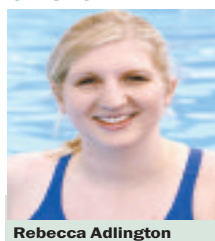
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**SUNDAY'S TV 29.07.12****CHOICE**

Rebecca Adlington

**Olympics 2012****BBC1, 7pm**

Gary Lineker resumes presenting duties for the second evening of the London Games. Rebecca Adlington was one of Great Britain's stars in Beijing four years ago, claiming gold medals in the 400m and 800m freestyle events, and she is set to defend her title in the shorter distance at the Aquatics Centre tonight. However, she will have to work hard to win gold once again in this event, with Federica Pellegrini of Italy among her likely opponents. Elsewhere, Great Britain continue their bid to reach the quarter-finals of the men's football.

**BBC1**

**6.00** Olympic Breakfast. **9.00** Olympics 2012. Mishal Husain presents coverage of this morning's rowing heats and repechages, and the latest swimming heats on day two of the London Games. **11.30** Olympics 2012. Hazel Irvine presents further coverage of the rowing and swimming heats, along with the latest on the women's cycling road race and the start of the sailing regatta. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.10** Olympics 2012. Jake Humphrey presents coverage of the concluding stages of the women's cycling road race, which reaches a climax on the Mall. Olympics coverage continues on BBC2. **5.00** Formula 1: Hungarian Grand Prix Highlights. Action from the 11th round of the season. **6.30** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **7.00** Olympics 2012. Gary Lineker introduces this evening's four swimming finals, along with updates on the women's hockey and men's football, both featuring Team GB. The full schedule of finals features the 7.30 women's 100m butterfly, 8.08 men's 100m freestyle, 8.15 women's 400m freestyle and 8.54 men's 4x100m freestyle relay, along with the semi-finals in the 7.37 men's 200m freestyle, 7.48 women's 100m breaststroke, 8.25 men's 100m backstroke and 8.44 women's 100m backstroke. **10.00** BBC News; Regional News. **10.25** Olympics Tonight. Gabby Logan looks back at the highlights of day two. **12.00** BBC News. **12.10** Olympic Sportsday. **12.55** Weatherview. **1.00** BBC News.

**BBC2**

**6.00** CBeebies. **7.05** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Raymond Blanc: The Very Hungry Frenchman. (R) **12.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **1.15** Film: The Man from Laramie. (1955) Western, with James Stewart. **2.55** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **3.25** Oceans. (R) **4.25** Songs of Praise. **5.00** Olympics 2012. **7.00** Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the team head to Brighton College, where objects up for valuation include a medal from the Battle of Trafalgar and a rare piece of Clarice Cliff pottery. (R) **8.00** Engineering Giants: Ferry Strip-Down. Tom Wrighlesworth and Rob Bell witness North Sea passenger ferry the Pride of Bruges receiving a complete overhaul to extend its working life. Last in the series. **9.00** The Dark: Nature's Nighttime World. New series. Biologists and camera crews explore the wildernesses of South and Central America at night, beginning by encountering nocturnal predators in the jungles of Costa Rica. **10.00** MotoGP. The US Grand Prix (Start-time 10.00pm). Matt Roberts presents live coverage of the 10th round of the season at Laguna Seca in California. **11.00** Line of Duty. Gates goes on the run, while Arnott questions Fleming's integrity. Last in the series. (R) **12.00** Twenty Twelve. (R) **12.30** Formula 1: Hungarian Grand Prix Highlights. (R) **2.00** Sign Zone: Holby City. (R) **3.00** Britain's Heritage Heroes. (R) **3.30** Close.

**ITV1**

**6.00** CITV: Mini CITV. **7.20** CITV. **8.25** Dinner Date. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** House Gilt. (R) **10.25** There's No Taste Like Home. (R) **11.20** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** Film: Baby Boom. (1987) **2.35** Film: Columbo: The Murder of a Rock Star. (1991) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.00** Little Richard, Dabney Coleman, Shera Danese, Cheryl Paris and Julian Stone. **4.30** Doc Martin. (R) **5.30** Doc Martin. (R) **6.30** Regional Programme; Weather. **6.45** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Royal Greenwich. John Sergeant explores the history of the London borough. **8.00** The Zoo. Two-part follow-up to the series about London Zoo. One keeper prepares to deliver penguin chicks, while another tries to raise awareness of a plague affecting frogs. **9.00** A Touch of Frost. Inspector Jack Frost reopens an unsolved murder case when the remains of a 14-year-old girl who went missing 20 years previously are discovered on a housing development. (R) **11.00** ITV News; Weather. **11.20** Take Me Out. A hockey champion, a drummer, a graphic designer and a gym manager try to impress 30 single women, and last week's couples go on their dates. Paddy McGuinness presents. (R) **12.25** Premiership Rugby. **1.15** The Store; ITV News Headlines. **3.05** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **3.55** Motorsport UK. **4.45** ITV Timescreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

**CHANNEL 4**

**6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** Ironman 2012. **7.05** Film Superbike World Championship 2012. (R) **7.35** Road to London 2012: Paralympics Extra. New series. A preview of this summer's Games. **8.00** Will & Grace. (R) **8.25** Will & Grace. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.25** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.35** Jamie Does Stockholm. (R) **1.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.35** The Simpsons. (R) **3.05** The Simpsons. (R) **3.30** Three in a Bed. (R) **4.35** Deal or No Deal: Gold Medal Deal. (R) **5.35** Channel 4 News. **6.05** 4thought.tv. **6.10** Film: 17 Again. (2009) A man's wish to be a teenager again is granted, but his mature outlook on life puts him at odds with others when he returns to high school. Comedy, with Matthew Perry and Zac Efron. **8.00** Come Dine with Me. Olympians Mark Foster, Tasha Danvers, Derek Redmond and Louise Hazel compete in the dinner-party challenge to win £1,000 for a charity of their choice. **9.00** The Gypsy Girls. Thelma Madine invites the trainees to her daughter's birthday party, while pressure mounts at the factory as Grace attends a family funeral and Bridget storms out. **10.00** Sex Story: Fifty Shades of Grey. The phenomenon of the best-selling erotic novel. **11.00** Film: Indecent Proposal. (1993) Drama, with Robert Redford and Demi Moore. **1.10** Camelot. (R) **2.00** The Big C. **2.30** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.35** St Elsewhere. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

**CHANNEL 5**

**6.00** Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerfrogs. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.35** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Bananas in Pajamas. (R) **7.25** Family! (R) **7.35** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.45** Mio Mao. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Jelly Jam. (R) **10.00** Inside Hollywood. **10.05** Monkey Life. (R) **10.35** Ice Road Trainers: Deadliest Roads. (R) **11.35** Big Brother. (R) **12.35** Film: Doctor Who and the Daleks. (1965) **2.15** Film: Zoom. (2006) **4.00** Film: Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach. (1988) **5.50** Film: Ghostbusters II. (1989) **7.55** 5 News Weekend. **8.00** Once Upon a Time. Emma searches for evidence that Mary Margaret was framed for Kathryn's murder, while a flashback to the land of fairy tales reveals why Regina harbours a grudge against Snow White. **9.00** Big Brother. **10.00** Film: Bulletproof. (1996) Action comedy, starring Adam Sandler. **11.35** Film: Undisputed. (2002) Boxing drama, starring Ving Rhames. **1.20** SuperCasino. **3.50** Sons of Anarchy. **4.50** Rough Guide to Cities. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

**DIGITAL**

**BBC Three**  
**9.00** Olympics 2012 **2.00** Olympics 2012 **7.00** Olympics 2012 **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad!  
**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Himalaya with Michael Palin  
**8.00** The Kenneth Williams Story: A Reputations Special **9.30** Kenneth Williams: Fantabulosa! **10.50** Parkinson: The Interviews - Kenneth Williams  
**ITV2**  
**3.00** Film: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) **5.50** Film: Dante's Peak (1997) **6.50** Film: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) **9.00** Benidorm **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45** Film: The Jacket (2005)  
**ITV3**  
**3.50** Film: Doc Hollywood (1991) **5.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** Film: Vertigo (1958) Hitchcock thriller, starring James Stewart. **11.40** Trial & Retribution  
**ITV4**  
**3.20** Film: The Battle of Midway (1976) **6.00** Film: 633 Squadron (1964) **8.00** Premiership Rugby **9.00** Film: The Jerk (1979) **11.00** Film: Midnight Run (1988)  
**E4**  
**3.10** Glee **4.10** New Girl **4.40** Suburgatory **5.10** The Big Bang Theory **6.10** Revenge **7.10** Film: Ice Age: The Meltdown (2006) **9.00** 50 Greatest Plastic Surgery Shockers **11.10** 2 Broke Girls **11.40** New Girl  
**Film4**  
**2.45** The Poseidon Adventure (1972) **5.00** Jungle 2 Jungle (1997) Comedy, starring Tim Allen and Lolita Davidovich. **7.00** X-Men: The Last Stand (2006) Superhero adventure sequel, starring Hugh Jackman. **9.00** Taken (2008) **10.50** Law Abiding Citizen (2009)

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## What's On!

## Film Choices

## MONDAY

## Anna and the King, Channel 4, 12.25pm

A widowed schoolmistress leaves Victorian England to tutor a son of the King of Siam, only to discover his majesty actually expects her to care for all 58 of his children. In spite of disagreements and many ups and downs, the teacher gradually forms a deep platonic love for her royal employer. Period drama, starring Jodie Foster and Chow Yun-Fat. (1999)

## Once Upon a Time in Mexico, Channel 5, 11pm

A crazed CIA agent based in Mexico learns of a conspiracy involving a drug baron and a military general to assassinate the president. He finds the perfect man to prevent the coup in the shape of a legendary gunslinger, who is seeking revenge on the general for murdering his wife. Thriller, starring Johnny Depp. (2003)

## TUESDAY

## The Fugitive, ITV1, 10.35pm

A doctor is wrongly accused of his wife's murder and forced to go on the run to prove his innocence – but his efforts to find the mysterious one-armed man he believes is the real killer are hampered by a tenacious US marshal. Thriller, starring Harrison Ford and an Oscar-winning Tommy Lee Jones. (1993)



The Fugitive, Tuesday, ITV1, 10.35pm

## WEDNESDAY

## Deep Blue Sea, ITV1, 10.35pm

A scientist researching Alzheimer's disease devises a way to enlarge the brains of killer sharks on an isolated research facility to help develop her theories. However, the experiments result in a marked increase in the creatures' intelligence, and before long they manage to escape their confinement – with bloody consequences. Thriller, starring Saffron Burrows. (1999)

## THURSDAY

## Trust, Channel 5, 3.15pm

An artist receives a series of anonymous letters and e-mails telling her that her husband is having an affair. She sets out to expose the identity of the person behind the messages, but is distracted by nagging doubts that the dire warnings may be true. Mystery, starring Jamie Luner and Steven Cree Molison. (2009)

## FRIDAY

## The Bourne Identity, ITV1, 10.35pm

A fishing boat crew plucks a man out of the sea with two bullet wounds in his back and a safe-deposit number sewn into his skin – but absolutely no memory of who he is or how he got there. In the search for his true identity, he is pursued by assassins – but his attempts to escape them suggest his own past is far from straightforward. Thriller, starring Matt Damon. (2002)

## Pick of the Week

## Toby returns on the right side of the law

Toby Stephens is not best known for his comic skills, though there were some unintentionally funny sneers from him when he played the villain in 007 epic Die Another Day 10 years ago. However, he clearly had a great time when he was cast in comedy drama Vexed (Wednesday, BBC2, 9pm) in 2009.

If you missed that first run when it aired a year later, it centred on Jack Armstrong and Kate Bishop, detectives who were completely mismatched. The former was one of the worst private eyes of all time, while the latter tried to do a good job, but kept getting dragged down by Jack.

Now series one actress Lucy Punch has moved on to other projects, for the first of a six-part series, Jack is teamed with new partner Georgina Dixon (Miranda Raison). She's an ambitious officer who has been promoted to detective inspector and has no reservations about expressing her disdain for Jack's sloppy approach to crime-solving.

Naturally the duo have to put aside their differences when they investigate the strange death of an egocentric car salesman. Stephens loved making the first series, not least because it gave him a rare chance to do comedy on TV instead of the dramatic roles he was known for. "It was kind of like having a vacation for me," he remarked at the time. It helped that his character was such a bumbling detective instead of a shrewd villain hell bent on world domination. "I just had to turn up every day and have fun," he smiles.

As any theatre luvvie will tell you, Toby is the son of acclaimed actors Robert Stephens and Maggie Smith. So, partly because of genetics and partly through seeing a lot of theatre when he was young, it was inevitable he would start treading the boards. He made his film debut 20 years ago in Tilda Swinton movie Orlando, and impressed many with TV hit The Camomile Lawn. Roles in a film version of Twelfth Night and Space Cowboys (in which he played a younger version of director/star Clint Eastwood) kept the wolf from

the door, but it was his turn as egomaniacal Gustav Graves in Die Another Day that could have changed his life forever.

It didn't hurt that Pierce Brosnan's final 007 epic made millions at the box office and put Stephens on the map of many Hollywood casting agents who may have been indifferent to his earlier work. However, given the choice between spending days and maybe months in LA waiting for the phone to ring, and then playing generic villains in assorted epics, or working on lower paid theatre/TV work, he chose the latter. "Once you've done a villain, that's all you end up doing," he remarked. You can see his point.

Charming, good looking and most of all British, he ticks all the boxes for any uninspired Tinseltown director looking for the next antagonist for their blockbuster. Jack Armstrong may spend a lot of time vexed about his work, but his real life alter ego could hold a masterclass in tickling ribs, as this first episode proves.



Toby Stephens heads the cast of Vexed, Wednesday, BBC2, 9pm

## Best of the Rest

## MONDAY

## We Love the Monkees

## ITV1, 9pm

Hey, hey, they were the Monkees – the manufactured boy band who turned out to have minds of their own, and whose hits have outlasted their TV show by more than 40 years. If the tributes to Davy Jones, who died in February, weren't enough to convince you that the group were more than just the Prefab Four, then perhaps this documentary will finally make you a believer. It tells the story of how Jones, Mickey Dolenz, Peter Tork and Mike Nesmith were brought together by US TV producers who wanted to create their own version of the Beatles to star in a sitcom.

## Olympics Tonight

## BBC1, 10.40pm

Gabby Logan is joined by guests to present a look back at the highlights on day three in London, as well as live coverage of the late-night events, which are beach volleyball, basketball and volleyball. The Aquatics Centre took centre stage once again, with Tom Daley and Peter Waterfield aiming for diving gold in the 10m platform final. Waterfield was looking to go one better than the silver he won in this event eight years ago in Athens alongside Leon Taylor, and 18-year-old Daley was aiming to win his first Olympic medal.

## TUESDAY

## Olympics 2012

## BBC1, 7pm

Gary Lineker presides over the fourth evening's events in London, with the main focus of attention being on the Aquatics Centre, where four finals and

three semi-finals take place. Britain's big medal hope in the pool tonight is Hannah Miley, providing she managed to qualify for the 200m individual medley final, having failed to do so four years ago. Elsewhere, updates and reaction come from Wembley Stadium, where the Great Britain women's football team played their final Group E match against a Brazil side likely to be spearheaded by one of the finest female players of all time in Marta.

## Love Your Garden

## ITV1, 8pm

Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice in South Yorkshire is devoted to the support of children with shortened life expectancy. One key thing missing from the Hospice was a place where families left behind could reflect on the life which had passed on. Alan Titchmarsh was keen to put that right, and plans to create a garden of peace and tranquillity. Alas, it's not long before the weather has thrown a spanner in the works. Also this week, David Domoney investigates natural seating, and Frances Tophill checks out the stunning new wave perennial planting at Wisley.

## WEDNESDAY

## 24 Hours in A&amp;E

## Channel 4, 9pm

This week's show features three-month-old Jaziah, the youngest patient ever featured on the series. He has been rushed in with breathing difficulties. Severely underweight and with an enlarged liver, consultant

Jacqui needs to work fast to give him a chance of survival. We also meet Kerry, the mother of 18-month-old Charlie. She is awaiting urine test results which may explain why he's been feeling unwell for five days.

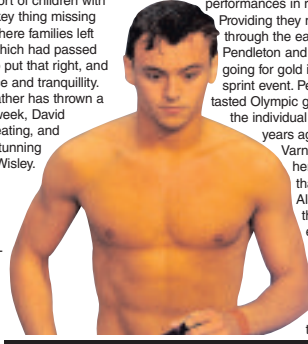
## THURSDAY

## Olympics 2012

## BBC1, 4pm

Sue Barker and Jake Humphrey present as the track cycling competition begins at the London Velodrome, with Team GB hopeful of producing more fine displays after some outstanding cycling performances in recent years.

Providing they negotiate their way through the earlier heats, Victoria Pendleton and Jess Varnish will be going for gold in the women's team sprint event. Pendleton has already tasted Olympic glory when she won the individual sprint discipline four years ago in Beijing and Varnish has proved herself to be a more than capable partner. Also taking place in this session are the early stages of the men's team sprint and team pursuit, with triple gold medalist in Beijing, Chris Hoy, among those set to be in action.



Olympics Tonight, Monday, BBC1, 10.40pm

## The Briefs

## ITV1, 9pm

What a load of pants! Well, not really. In fact, despite its suggestive title, this new series has absolutely nothing to do with underwear. Instead, it's a two-part documentary that goes behind the scenes at Manchester law firm Tuckers. It's been in operation since 1980, and specialises in criminal defence work. The company prides itself on its ability to take on a wide range of cases and clients – and this first episode certainly reflects that. Among the people walking through the doors is a 63-year-old woman who's been accused of dealing drugs, and a man about to stand trial for attempting to blackmail Coleen Rooney, wife of England and Manchester United footballer Wayne. Nicholas Jones narrates this extraordinary and eye-opening programme.

## FRIDAY

## Soham: A Parents' Tale

## ITV1, 9pm

It's now 10 years since the murders of Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman, but many people still can't hear the name of girls' home town of Soham without recalling the poignant photo of the 10-year-old friends in matching football shirts. Their deaths and the subsequent trial and conviction of Ian Huntley caused a national outrage, but this sensitive documentary focuses on the experiences of Holly Wells' family, asking how they survived what must surely be every parent's worst nightmare. Her father Kevin and mother Holly discuss the terrible days spent waiting for news of their daughter, and how they have rebuilt their family.

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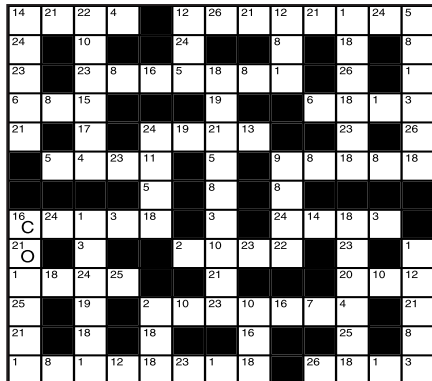
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## Brain Gym

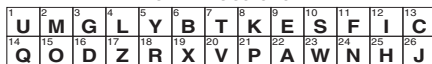
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Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

## Cryptic Clues:

## Across

6. Not going away to do some checking (7)
7. Staking a greater amount, we hear - he's feeble-minded (5)
9. Perform with cat, somehow (3)
10. No serious form of enjoyment (9)
12. It may be kept on hand for the fight (6-5)
15. Throw into confusion, as a rising does (11)
17. When making his incisions, he'll leave no stone unturned! (3-6)
19. One politician can be a little devil (3)
21. Moves lightly but stumbles (5)
22. See 2 Down

## Down

1. A whip to keep in store (5)
- 2 & 22 Ac. Look at the man in the box - he saw it all (3-7)
3. American news would be incomplete without her (4)
4. Fashion a catalogue for one who keeps strictly to the rules (9)
5. What winkers do? (7)
8. Start nothing before one is in a different ring (6)
11. This prediction could be hopelessly wrong - or so epoch-making! (9)
13. Metal bars go in a variety of tins (6)
14. Weapon required to discharge a member (7)
16. Be quiet about mother's road accident (5)
- 18 & 20 On. i.e. novel translation of "Mephistopheles" (4,3)

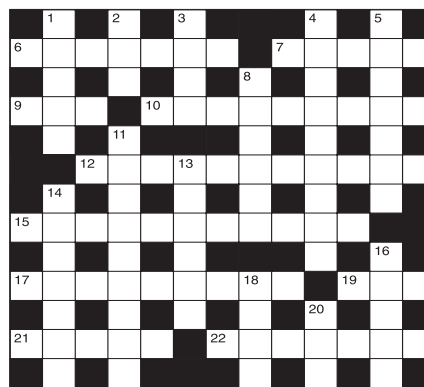
## Quick Clues:

## Across

6. Try (7)
7. Sham (5)
9. Clamour (3)
10. Exculpate (9)
12. December 31st (3,5,3)
15. Absolutely sure (4,7)
17. Make clear (9)
19. Fish-eggs (3)
21. Join together (5)
22. Tumbler (7)

## Down

1. Peel (5)
2. Allow (3)
3. Highest point (4)
4. Wooing (9)
5. Stealthy (7)
8. Unhappy (6)
11. Lying (9)
13. Gives up (6)
14. Effective (7)
16. Sum (5)
18. Diplomacy (4)
20. Quarrel (3)

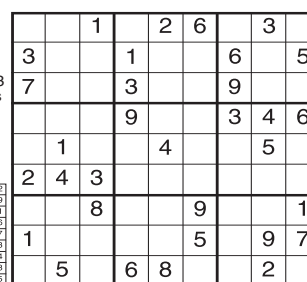


LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:  
CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Crossword clue; 8 Entrance; 9 Raft; 10 Farrow; 12 Indoor; 14 Denial; 16 League; 18 Taxi; 20 Deflated; 22 Pulling a punch.  
Down: 1 Frontage; 2 Usurer; 3 Swan; 4 Free will; 5 Scored; 6 Buff; 11 Well done; 13 Opulence; 15 Icicle; 17 Abacus; 19 Abut; 21 Fear.  
QUICK - Across: 7 Reprehensible; 8 Accustom; 9 Gang; 10 Wander; 12 Corner; 14 Stream; 16 Lodge; 18 Epic; 20 Motivate; 22 Comprehension.  
Down: 1 Merchant; 2 Ground; 3 Shut; 4 Inimical; 5 Linger; 6 Plan; 11 Remember; 13 Election; 15 Escape; 17 Divest; 19 Poor; 21 Tier.

## Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:



## Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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• OPEN VIEWING THIS SATURDAY 28th JULY - 11am to 1pm • NEW DEVELOPMENT • Semi-rural 4 bed 3 Bath Detached Dormer Bungalow in grounds of just under half an acre with use of adjoining one and half acre paddock, of particular interest to equestrian enthusiasts • Stylishly designed and well-proportioned interior • Large Reception Hall • Lounge • Dining Room • Breakfast Kitchen with a superb range of fittings including integrated appliances • Utility • Study • GF Bedroom and separate Shower Room/Guest's Cloaks • 3 first floor Bedrooms, one with En-Suite • House Bathroom • UPVC DG, Gas CH  
OFFERS AROUND £420,000

### WOMBOURNE



HOLENDENE WAY, Elegantly designed and immaculately presented modern 4 Bed Detached in fully matured development of popularity on village outskirts, convenient for schools, local and supermarket shopping and excellent village amenities • Well proportioned layout with UPVC double glazed Conservatory • Reception Hall • Fitted Cloaks • Study • 19ft Lounge with Limestone fireplace • Dining Room • Superbly fitted Kitchen and adjoining Breakfast Area leading to Conservatory • Utility • Bedroom 1 with wardrobes and En-Suite • 3 further Bedrooms, all with wardrobes • House Bathroom • Double Garage and ample off-road parking • Neat gardens • UPVC double glazing and Gas CH  
OFFERS AROUND £339,950

### WOMBOURNE



LOOKSIDE, Stylishly designed modern 4 Bed, 2 Bath Detached in pleasant canal side setting off Ouse-dale Road convenient for local schools, shopping and other amenities • Uniquely positioned with gardens down to waters edge with mooring • Of particular interest to canal boat enthusiasts • Hall with fitted Guest's Cloaks • Lounge • 13ft Dining Room • UPVC double glazed Conservatory • Kitchen with some built-in appliances • Bedroom 1 with wardrobes and En-Suite • 3 further Bedrooms (two with wardrobes) • House Bathroom • Gas CH and UPVC double glazing • Brick Garage and additional Oak framed double-width Carport • Pretty Gardens with additional space to side (potential for extension STPP)  
OFFERS AROUND £269,950

### PENN



CHANDLER DRIVE, Delightfully positioned modern style 4 Bed executive Detached in need of some cosmetic updating but offering enormous scope to create a luxury home to individual requirements • Occupying pleasant cul-de-sac position just off Penn Road on south western suburbs of Wolverhampton near to local shopping and amenities • Hall • Fitted Guest's Cloaks • 20ft through Lounge • Double glazed Conservatory • Dining Room • Breakfast Kitchen & Utility • Bed 1 with wardrobes and luxuriously refitted En-Suite • 3 further Bedrooms, two with wardrobes • House Bathroom with corner bath • Gas CH • 34ft long Garage • Established private gardens • NO UPWARD CHANCE  
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Guide £499,950

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NEW

3 Bed

Crabourne Road,  
DUDLEY WOOD

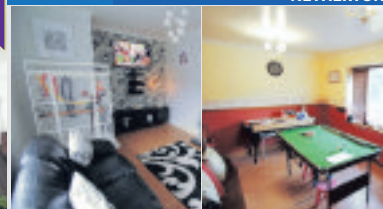
A great family home in a popular and central location, close to Merry Hill and the large Tesco Extra just up the road. The property is approached via a block paved driveway providing off road parking for a number of vehicles, accommodation comprises; entrance porch, reception hallway, open plan dining room through to lounge, extended kitchen, garage, on the first floor are three well proportioned bedrooms and the family bathroom. The rear garden is private and well maintained.

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Offers Around  
£164,950

NEW

4 Bed

Edinburgh Road,  
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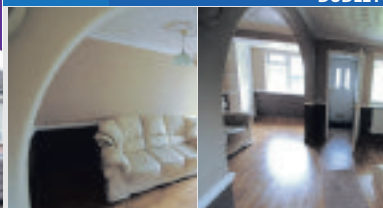
This extended four bedroom property has an array of accommodation that is all beautifully presented to include; entrance hall, lounge, games room, sitting room, store room, kitchen diner, on the first floor are four double bedrooms, the master having an en-suite shower room and the house bathroom. The property also has an attractive rear garden and a block paved driveway which provides parking for a number of vehicles. An internal inspection is essential in order to appreciate this property fully.

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Offers Around  
£179,950

NEW

3 Bed

Kew Drive,  
DUDLEY

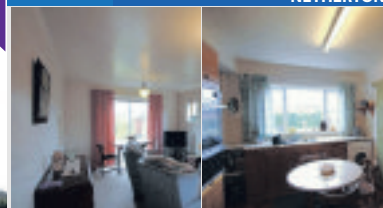
Pleasantly situated in a private cul-de-sac location this semi detached property is an ideal family home, with a large extension at the rear offering a good sized kitchen, separate dining room, lounge, three bedrooms, and modern fitted family bathroom. The property also benefits from no upward chain, UPVC double glazed windows, gas central heating system, and garage at the rear of the property.

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Offers Around  
£145,000

NEW PRICE

3 Bed

Hockley Lane,  
NETHERTON

The Property Shop are delighted to offer for sale this detached family home situated in a popular and sought after residential area and occupying a corner plot having beautiful views. Needing some improvements, but nevertheless offering an excellent opportunity, having scope for extension, and NO UPWARD CHAIN, its accommodation comprises of; entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, old coal house and wc, three bedrooms and bathroom/wc. Externally there are gardens to front and rear, security lighting, and a driveway providing off road parking. View now to avoid disappointment!

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Offers Around  
£169,950

NEW PRICE

3 Bed

Merryfield Road,  
RUSSELLS HALL

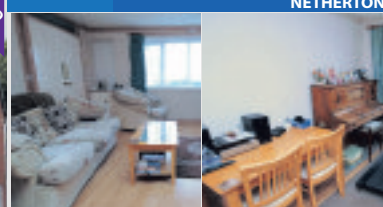
An opportunity to acquire this three bedroom semi detached property on the popular Russells Hall development. The property is situated on a large corner plot so there's a good sized gardens providing potential to extend to side and rear (subject to gaining planning consent). There are two reception rooms, three spacious bedrooms and the property is double glazed and centrally heated. The current owner rents the garage next door from the council.

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Offers Around  
£99,950

NO UPWARD CHAIN

3 Bed

Bratch Close,  
NETHERTON

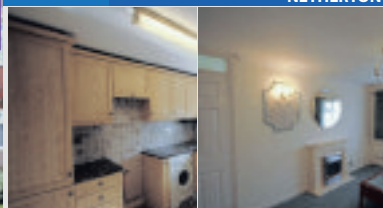
A spacious family home situated in this popular quiet cul-de-sac location has well presented accommodation comprising of an entrance porch, hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. The property also has off road parking for a number of vehicles and a garage as well as an attractive private rear garden. Viewing highly recommended. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

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Near Offers Considered  
£134,950

NO UPWARD CHAIN

2 Bed

Yew Tree Hills,  
NETHERTON

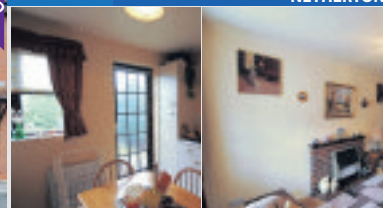
This beautiful, first floor flat is conveniently located on the ever popular Ednam Vale development. The accommodation comprises of entrance hall, modern fitted kitchen, good size lounge, two bedrooms and bathroom. The property is double glazed and centrally heated. With a garage to the rear this NO CHAIN property must not be missed, viewing is essential!

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Offers Around  
£80,000

NO UPWARD CHAIN

2 Bed

Round Street,  
NETHERTON

Being situated in this popular and convenient location, this two bedroomed, modern semi-detached home offers an excellent opportunity for first time purchasers benefitting from central heating, double glazing and off road parking for two cars. Being realistically priced for a quick sale, having NO UPWARD CHAIN, and being available with kitchen white goods and other fixtures and fittings, an early viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the accommodation on offer!

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Offers Around  
£95,000



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### PENSNETT DREADNOUGHT ROAD

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Offers around £149,950



### BRIERLEY HILL GROVE CRESCENT

Pleasantly situated in this popular and convenient address, this improved 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached provides spacious Gas Centrally Heated and UPVC Double Glazed accommodation ideal for the Young Family and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Attractive Fitted Kitchen with Built in Oven and Hob, 3 Good Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom with Shower, Pleasant lawned rear Garden with southerly facing aspect and tarmac driveway for 2/3 cars.

Offers around £99,950



### BRIERLEY HILL FOXDALE DRIVE

Enjoying a splendid more 'secluded' position on this ever popular development this attractively presented Modern One Bedroom 'Mews' residence provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed accommodation ideal for the first time buyer, single person or retired. Briefly comprises:- Attractive Open Plan Lounge with Attractive Fitted Kitchen, Double Bedroom, Fitted Shower Room, Pleasant Gardens and Car Parking Space

Offers around £72,950



### AMBLECOTE VICARAGE ROAD

This superbly presented, individually designed Modern 3 Bedroom Detached residence provides refreshingly spacious beautifully kept gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed family accommodation pleasantly situated with lovely views to the rear in this popular and very convenient address. Briefly comprises:- Reception Hall, Downstairs W.C., Superb spacious Lounge with Dining Area, Superb refitted Kitchen with built in oven, hob and fridge, 3 Generous Bedrooms, Attractive Bathroom with shower, Garage, enclosed Rear Garden and splendid Block Paved Driveway for 3 cars to the front.

Offers around £199,995



### QUARRY BANK NEW STREET

This spacious 3 Bed Detached Bungalow is pleasantly situated off a private driveway in this popular and convenient address and provides generously proportioned gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed accommodation which briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge with feature fireplace, Superbly Fitted Kitchen with built in oven, hob, fridge-freezer and dishwasher, Laundry/Utility with washing machine and dryer, 3 Excellent Bedrooms, attractive Bathroom with shower, larger than average Garage, low maintenance Gardens with private aspect and Driveway.

Offers around £169,950



### QUARRY BANK WOODS LANE

This attractively presented Detached Dormer Bungalow provides spacious, versatile family accommodation with UPVC double glazing and electric storage heating and enjoys a pleasant position in this popular and convenient address. With NO UPWARD CHAIN the accommodation includes:- L Shaped Hall, Downstairs W.C., extended Lounge, sep Dining Room, fitted Kitchen, Bedroom 3/ Study 2 first floor Bedroom (master with deep wardrobes and Useful storage), Large fitted Bathroom with sep shower cubicle, pleasant lawned rear Garden with private outlook, Garage with rear access and driveway to front.

Offers around £149,950



### AMBLECOTE BARN OWL WALK

This attractively presented Modern 3 Bedroom Detached residence is pleasantly situated just into this sought after address and providing spacious gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed family accommodation to include:- Porch, Hall, spacious Lounge with sep Dining Area, fitted Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, 3 good Bedrooms, superb refitted Bathroom with sep shower, 26' Tandem side Garage, pleasant southerly facing rear Gardens and driveway to front.

Offers around £149,950



### OAKHAM DINGLE CLOSE

A delightfully presented Traditional 3 Bed Semi-Detached pleasantly situated just into this sought after address and providing spacious gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed family accommodation to include:- Porch, Hall, spacious Lounge with sep Dining Area, fitted Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, 3 good Bedrooms, superb refitted Bathroom with sep shower, 26' Tandem side Garage, pleasant southerly facing rear Gardens and driveway to front.

Offers around £147,500



### NETHERTON ST. ANDREWS STREET

This spacious 3 Bedroom 'Abutted' Detached residence provides Victorian charm and character in this popular and convenient address and although requires upgrading and improvement provides tremendous further potential. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Rear Utility, Kitchen, 3 Excellent Bedrooms, Large Bathroom, Side Carport/Potential Garage and Pleasant Mature Rear Gardens.

Offers around £139,950



### RUSSELLS HALL MINEHEAD ROAD

This lovingly and delightfully presented 2 Bedroomed Semi Detached residence provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family in this popular address close to Russells Hall Hospital. Briefly comprises:- Spacious Lounge with Dining Area, Conservatory, attractively fitted Kitchen, 2 Double Bedrooms (master with fitted wardrobes), refitted Shower Room, delightfully kept Rear Gardens with Summerhouse and Stores, Side Garage, Car Port and Driveway for 2 cars

Offers around £119,995



### AMBLECOTE BARBROOK DRIVE

Providing spacious gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed accommodation in this ever popular address, this stylishly improved Modern 2 Bedroomed Ground Floor Flat represents a superb opportunity for the professional couple or retired alike and briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Superb Re-Fitted Kitchen with built in oven and hob, 2 Good Bedrooms (with fitted wardrobes), Fitted Bathroom with shower, Splendid Good Sized Lawned Rear Garden with private Southerly facing aspect, Garage in separate block to the side and car parking space.

Offers around £105,000



### PENSNETT BELL STREET

Pleasantly situated in this popular address convenient for Russells Hall Hospital this spacious 3 Bedroomed Semi-detached residence provides gas centrally heated and part double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family and although requiring certain upgrading provides tremendous further potential. With NO UPWARD CHAIN the accommodation briefly comprises:- Hall, Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Kitchen, Further Kitchen/Utility, 3 Good Bedrooms, Shower Room, enclosed Rear Garden with Garage (landed) and Rear Vehicular Access and Pleasant Front Garden

Offers around £89,950



### CRADLEY HEATH ELBOW STREET

This attractively presented Modern 2 Bedroomed Ground Floor Apartment provides well planned UPVC double glazed accommodation with electric night storage heating in this popular and convenient address and represents an excellent opportunity for the First Time Buyer or professional couple. Briefly comprises:- Secure Main Entrance, L Shaped Reception Hall, spacious Lounge, attractive Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, 2 well proportioned Bedrooms, fitted Bathroom with shower, maintained grounds and allocated car parking space. Ideal investment opportunity.

Offers around £87,500



### TIPTON DUDLEY ROAD

Superb Spacious Modern 2 Bed First Floor Apartment\* Gas CH and UPVC Double Glazing\* Large Open Plan Lounge with Fitted Kitchen area with Built in Oven and Hob, 2 well proportioned Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom with Shower, Allocated Car Parking. No Pets/DSS/Smokers. Deposit £750.00. Available Immediately.

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**WALL HEATH**

Heathbrook Avenue



Superbly located with the delightful, much sought after cul de sac which is well placed for the area's excellent schooling, this CHARMING SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED TRADITIONAL DETACHED FAMILY HOME requires some updating, but offers FANTASTIC POTENTIAL, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, PART UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, ground floor W.C., extended lounge, separate dining room, fitted kitchen with appliances, side hallway, THREE EXCELLENT BEDROOMS, refitted shower room and separate W.C. With attractive fore garden, DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and most attractively laid out and secluded rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£234,950

**WOLVERHAMPTON**

Farrington Road, Ettingshall Park

A spacious, FOUR BEDROOM detached family home upon prominent CORNER PLOT in need of some sympathetic updating. The uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, Freehold, accommodation includes: traditional reception hall, pantry, dining room (with bay), sitting room (with bay & patio doors), kitchen, rear lobby, fitted cloakroom. Four bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, separate toilet. Integral garage, and a further GARAGE (fronting on to Dovedale Road), secluded garden, block paved driveway. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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**WALL HEATH**

Beachcroft Road



BACKING ONTO FIELDS/COUNTRYSIDE within this much sought after address, this TRADITIONAL BAY FRONTED SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME requires some updating but offers fantastic potential to enhance the IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS accommodation which is WELL PRESENTED throughout, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: Reception Hall, well proportioned Lounge, separate Sitting/Dining Room, Kitchen, THREE EXCELLENT SIZE BEDROOMS and Bathroom. With low maintenance foregarden, PAVED DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and DELIGHTFUL LARGE BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

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**WOLVERHAMPTON**

Wolverhampton Road East

A traditional, Freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & double glazed (part uPVC), interwar semi detached of character requiring some updating set in established district backing on to fields. The accommodation includes: porch, imposing reception hall, pantry, dining room with bay, sitting room (with double French doors), kitchen, utility, separate toilet. Three bedrooms, reappointed/re-tiled shower room (former bathroom) with white suite. Garage, garden, extensive parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950

**WORDSLEY**

Oak Park Road

Forming part of this mature, established and very popular address, this TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers VERY SPACIOUS accommodation which includes TWO SEPARATE RECEPTION ROOMS, together with GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, spacious lounge, separate formal dining room, fitted kitchen, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS and bathroom. Set back beyond the fore garden with GOOD SIZED COTSWOLD CHIPPED DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and enjoying a BEAUTIFULLY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£144,950

**DUDLEY**

Stoney Lane

This traditional style, surprisingly spacious, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroomed semi detached home has been conscientiously maintained by the current owners. As personal inspection will confirm, the well presented property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen with integrated appliances, Guest W.C., three excellent Bedrooms, re-fitted Bathroom with white suite, block paved driveway and a pleasant rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers around £114,950

**COSELEY**

Martin Close

A Freehold, gas radiator centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in relatively short cul-de-sac just off Central Drive convenient for so many amenities. The upgraded accommodation includes: entrance hallway, 20'7" through sitting room with stylish feature fireplace, kitchen, utility room. Three generous bedrooms, reappointed/re-tiled shower room with a white suite, and a separate reappointed w.c. Off road parking to front, secluded well stocked rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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**DUDLEY**

Hampton Street

This modern style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroomed mid terrace is situated in an established residential location, and may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation includes entrance vestibule, imposing reception hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, three Bedrooms, Bathroom with white corner suite / separate shower cubicle, low maintenance Garden and Garage to rear. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01384 265265

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**UPPER GORNAL**

Vale Street

This Victorian style, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated mid terrace is beautifully presented throughout & may particularly appeal to first time buyers. Accommodation briefly comprises lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom with white suite, two double bedrooms & a low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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**UPPER GORNAL**

Quarry Brow

A particularly stylish, tremendously modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & uPVC double glazed semi detached with GOOD DISTANT VIEWS having rare advantage of wider than average (12ft) potential driveway to side. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge, upgraded dining kitchen, walk-in store, lobby, separate toilet. Two double bedrooms (one with walk-in store), spacious re-appointed bathroom with white suite, pressed concrete driveway/rear terrace, fenced garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01802 880888

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**COSELEY**

Pemberton Road

A superb, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed intermediate terrace of character that has been tremendously enhanced & improved in recent years. The stylish accommodation includes: living room, lobby, cellar, dining room (with uPVC double French doors out to the garden), recently refitted kitchen (wood block work surfaces & high gloss cream finish units), reappointed/part tiled bathroom with white suite. Two generous bedrooms, and steps up to useful loft space (velux sky lights & 7 ft max. ceiling height). Garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Quarry Lane

A deceptively spacious 4 bedroom detached offering flexible accommodation in this respected location. Comprising Reception Hall, Cloakroom with W.C. Good size Lounge with balcony having panoramic views of countryside, Dining Kitchen, 4 Bedrooms, Bathroom with separate W.C. Basement Comprises games room, and further storeroom used as arts studio, extensive garden and garage. HALESOWEN OFFICE 0121 550 3978

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**LOWER GORNAL**

NEW PRICE

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A VERY LARGE AND SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED 'DOUBLE FRONTED' DETACHED BUNGALOW which has been EXPENSIVELY and BEAUTIFULLY RENOVATED throughout, now providing ready to move into accommodation, all being EXTREMELY SPACIOUS throughout including: reception hall, splendid large lounge, separate formal dining room, beautifully refitted and extended kitchen with appliances, separate utility room, guests cloakroom, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and luxury refitted bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and DOUBLE GLAZING. With VERY LONG SIDE DRIVEWAY leading to LARGE PARKING AREA, a VERY LARGE WORKSHOP/STORE/POTENTIAL GARAGE and with a attractively landscaped garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£209,950****DUDLEY****Richborough Drive**

An absolutely outstanding and tremendously enhanced, EXTENDED, Freehold, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED and gas centrally heated detached family home presented in exemplary order throughout. Occupying a fine corner plot (with good distant views) the spacious accommodation provides: 20 ft reception hall, fitted cloakroom, elegant 16'6" lounge with bay, and 'Living Flame' feature gas fire, and separate dining room. Extended/refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of contemporary style units incorporating various integrated appliances, utility room. FOUR GENEROUS BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with shower room en suite and built in wardrobe), spacious bathroom. Garage, neat landscaped rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £205,000****TIPTON****Woodcroft Avenue**

An attractive, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached of character that has been renovated & upgraded by present vendors in recent years to a fine specification with a number of period features. Enviously located in favoured district, the superb accommodation includes entrance porch, imposing reception hall (high ceilings), stone/boiler cupboard, fitted under stairs cloakroom, elegant lounge with bay, dining room & enlarged/refitted 14'9" kitchen with a fine range of chestnut effect units. Three generous bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with traditionally styled white suite/shower, tiled driveway to garage & a secluded/sheltered rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £190,000****WORDSWLEY****£10,000 REDUCTION****Belle Vue**

A MOST DECEPTIVE AND HIGHLY INDIVIDUAL, FOUR BEDROOM LINK-DETACHED FAMILY HOME which is very well placed close to Wordsley's King George Park, offering SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, very spacious lounge with dining area of attractively refitted kitchen with integrated appliances, FOUR GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and classic white bathroom. Set back beyond the front lawn and DRIVEWAY with GARAGE and having patio / lawned rear garden, which enjoys an OPEN REAR ASPECT. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£189,950****LOWER GORNAL****Grosvenor Road South**

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL! A particularly SPACIOUS, gas centrally heated, & uPVC double glazed detached constructed in the 1950's to a highly individual design in favoured district with PANORAMIC VIEWS, and now requiring some sympathetic updating. Accommodation includes: entrance vestibule, imposing reception hall (wood block floor, lofty ceiling heights), lounge, formal dining room with walk-in bay (with wood block floor), breakfast kitchen, walk-in pantry, lobby, further store, inner hallway, two bedrooms, bathroom, separate w.c., to the first floor there is presently a large double bedroom, and further space incorporating traditional roof space. Ample grounds. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £184,950****BRIERLEY HILL****Bagnall Walk**

Pleasantly situated within a close, this BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED AND THOUGHTFULLY IMPROVED, THREE BEDROOM DETACHED HOME includes uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING AND GAS CENTRAL HEATING to comprise: hall, guests cloakroom, generous sitting room, well fitted kitchen, three bedrooms and luxury reappointed bathroom. Foreground, block paved driveway, DOUBLE GARAGE, and with lovely rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**Offers around £179,950****SWINDON****NEW PRICE****Wombourne Road**

A VERY IMPRESSIVE SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE, which enjoys a FANTASTIC CORNER POSITION, within the highly desirable Swindon Village. The accommodation has been BEAUTIFULLY RE-APPOINTED & IMPROVED in recent years and comprises: Enclosed side entrance, Reception Hall, Full Width Lounge, Luxury Refitted kitchen with built in appliances and DINING AREA off. Utility, Ground Floor WC, excellent store, THREE BEDROOMS (Bed 1 with fitted wardrobe) and LUXURY SHOWER ROOM. Front/ side lawns, DRIVEWAY and a very pleasant rear garden with store. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£174,950****COSELEY****Winnal Close, Daisy Bank**

An EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & double glazed detached enviously situated in quiet cul de sac conveniently situated for bus, RAIL, services & other amenities and comprising reception hall, 23'4" lounge & a dining room (with patio doors) beyond, extended/refitted 15'10" kitchen, lobby, fitted cloakroom. Three bedrooms, recently reappointed/re-tiled bathroom & separate toilet, good sized garage, secluded rear garden, parking to front. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £174,950****SEDGLEY****Dingle View**

Enviously situated at head of cul-de-sac overlooking fields & EXTENDED, a quite exceptional, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in favoured neighbourhood. The superb accommodation includes: lengthy (18'5") reception hall, sitting room, Transverse 18 ft dining room, refitted kitchen with a range of 'Old English Cream' units & various integrated appliances. Brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, store, utility room and 'wet room'. Three bedrooms (all with wardrobes), reappointed bathroom with a white suite (with pool bath). Garage (presently subdivided to form a store & hobbies room). Neat expertly tended rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 0902 880888

**Offers in the region of £169,950****DUDLEY****Hirmlay Avenue**

SPACIOUS, significantly upgraded, freehold, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated DETACHED set at head of cul de sac. Stylish upgraded accommodation includes entrance hallway, 24ft living/dining room, 15'10" breakfast kitchen, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, reappointed bathroom with contemporary white fitted suite, garage, gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £159,950****KINGSWINFORD****NEW PRICE****Pinewood Walk**

A GOOD SIZED MODERN DETACHED BUNGALOW which enjoys a delightful location, close to shops/ amenities within sought after Blandford Mere, offering a DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS layout which requires some updating, including STORAGE HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING, CAVITY WALL INSULATION comprising: Reception Hall, Large Lounge with dining area, Kitchen, TWO GOOD SIZE BEDROOMS and Bathroom. The bungalow is set beyond the front garden/ lawn, has an attractively laid out rear garden and GARAGE also situated to the rear. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£148,950****SEDGLEY****Richmond Road**

A traditional, freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & uPVC double glazed inter-war semi detached that has been significantly modernised/ refurbished in recent months set in convenient district within reasonable walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring/associated amenities. Various period features remain (wood stripped floor/fireplaces/picture rails) and the accommodation includes porch, imposing reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room (with double french doors), refitted kitchen with oven, hob & extractor, pantry, three bedrooms, upgraded bathroom with white suite, narrow 'garage', garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £145,000****WOODSETTON****Griffiths Road**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This immaculately presented, extended, bay fronted, double glazed (vast majority of units being uPVC), gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home that has been conscientiously maintained by the current owner, and is well worthy of an internal inspection. The stylish accommodation briefly comprises: entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining room, extended dining kitchen, utility. Three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite. Garage, driveway, and a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £134,950****COSELEY****Bank Street**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This modern style, double glazed (vast majority of units being uPVC) & gas centrally heated detached home is conveniently situated for local amenities/transport networks and is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, guest w.c., lounge, dining area, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, driveway & a low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £125,000****DUDLEY****Old Park Road**

This most impressive, conscientiously maintained, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated semi detached has been considerably improved/updated by the present owners and is well worthy of internal inspection. The stylish accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, splendid re-fitted dining kitchen with a fine range of units, three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, block paved driveway & a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £122,950****WOODSETTON****Sedgley Road, 'Swan Village'**

A quite distinctive, traditional, Freehold, interwar semi detached of character that has been significantly modernised in recent years carefully retaining/enhancing many fine period features (with lofty ceiling heights, picture rails, panelled doors, open fireplaces etc.). The gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed accommodation includes: reception hall, lounge with bay, separate dining room with door through to a conservatory (as seen), extended 15'8" kitchen. Two double bedrooms, third room (with potential), bathroom. Blocked paved foregarden (kerb dropped), and a rear garden. Some finishing works are required. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £120,000****UPPER GORNAL****Moden Close**

Enviously situated in quiet cul-de-sac just off Vale Street; a superb, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached that has been tremendously upgraded over the years. Accommodation includes: reception hall, refitted kitchen, 'L' shape lounge/dining room (living flame feature gas fire), understairs store. Two generous bedrooms (principal bedroom with built-in double wardrobe), reappointed bathroom with contemporary white suite and a shower. Extensive parking, delightful secluded rear garden abutting on to open space. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £119,950****UPPER GORNAL****Stable Court**

A tremendously enhanced & particularly stylish, freehold, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated intermediate 'starter home' set at head of relatively short/quiet cul de sac within reasonable walking distance of so many amenities. Superb accommodation includes lounge, upgraded breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units, two good bedrooms (one with two built in double wardrobes), reappointed bathroom with white suite, parking to front, secluded rear garden & good distant views beyond. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £113,950****DUDLEY WOOD****Crabourne Road**

Situated in an established residential location, this immaculately presented traditional style, uPVC double glazed and gas centrally heated, Two Bedroom Semi-Detached home may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families and is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises: Side Entrance Hall, stylish Lounge, Dining Room, extended Kitchen with a fine range of units and integrated appliances. Two excellent Bedrooms, Bathroom, driveway and a low maintenance rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**Price £110,000****SEDGLEY****The Walk**

This most impressive, deceptively spacious, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated mid townhouse has undergone a comprehensive scheme of modernisation & improvement and simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The property, which may be of particular interest to first time buyers or young families, briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, stylish lounge, splendid refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units, guest w.c., three good bedrooms, beautiful refitted bathroom with white suite & separate shower cubicle, driveway & a lawned rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £109,950****COSELEY****Brooklyn Grove**

A Freehold, gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed semi detached conveniently situated within reasonable distance of bus/rail transport routes, day-to-day shopping facilities etc., and representing a fine family home. Accommodation includes: reception hall, store, separate dining room (with double French doors out to the garden), lounge with bay, kitchen, lobby, freezer room. Three generous bedrooms, bathroom with white suite. Off road parking to front, secluded rear garden (possibilities of rear access). SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £109,950****CRADLEY HEATH****Greenfield Avenue**

An improved and attractively presented semi detached home in convenient location having pleasant outlook to front extending to trees, gas radiator heating to majority and double glazing to majority of windows. Requiring internal inspection comprising: Hall, lounge, good size re-fitted kitchen with integral oven and hob, utility, cloakroom with w.c., two good size bedrooms and very spacious bathroom with shower off road parking, rear verandah and rear garden. No Upward Chain. HALESOWEN OFFICE 0121 550 3978

**Offers Around £105,000****SEDGLEY****Springfield Grove**

This traditional, gas centrally heated semi detached is situated in an established residential location and may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, guest w.c., three bedrooms, shower room with white suite, driveway & a lawned rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £104,950****DUDLEY****Baptist End Road**

Having been the subject of a complete scheme of modernisation by the current vendors, this gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed, modern style three bedroomed semi detached property offers family sized accommodation, and may be of particular interest to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises: hall, lounge, re-fitted kitchen/diner, guest w.c., three first floor bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom with shower, landscaped rear garden, parking to the front, rear access with allocated space for garage. Realistically priced. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**Offers around £99,950****SEDGLEY****School Street**

This Victorian style, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated mid terraced home is conveniently situated for Sedgley village & all associated amenities and may be of particular interest to first time buyers. The property briefly comprises dining room, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, cellarette, two double bedrooms & a lawned rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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- Garage, large driveway and gardens

Offers Around £250,000



Ivy House Lane, COSELEY

- Large semi-detached house
- Four bedrooms and bathroom
- Two reception rooms, dining kitchen
- Garage, driveway and large rear garden
- No upward chain

Offers Around £149,950



Trysull Way, NETHERTON

- A well presented and extended semi-detached house
- Cul-de-sac location and views of the Clent Hills to the rear
- Two reception rooms, conservatory, breakfast kitchen
- Three bedrooms and shower room, garage

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Westfield Road, DUDLEY

- Traditional Semi Detached Home
- Extended and improved
- Three bedrooms and re-fitted bathroom
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- Fully Refurbished 3 Bed. Semi
- Lounge, & Re-Fitted Kitchen/Diner and Bathroom
- Convenient and quiet position, close to Transport Links
- COMPETITIVELY PRICE & NO UPWARD CHAIN

Offers Around £99,950



Watsons Green Road, DUDLEY

- Two bedroom terraced house
- In need of updating
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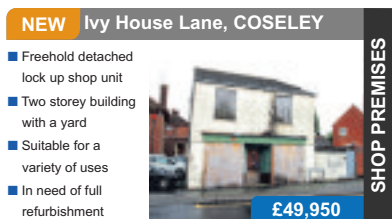
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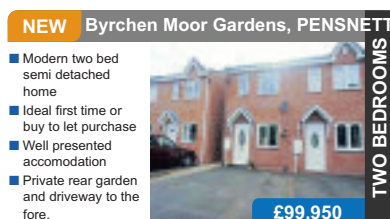
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Ivy House Lane, COSELEY

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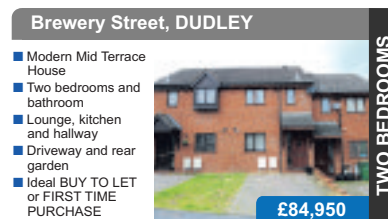
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Byrchen Moor Gardens, PENSNETT

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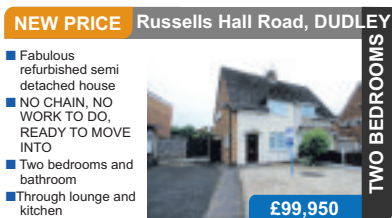
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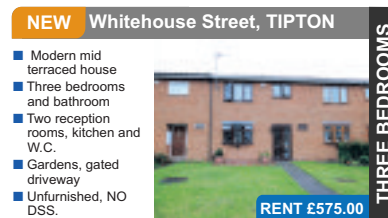
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The Broadway, DUDLEY

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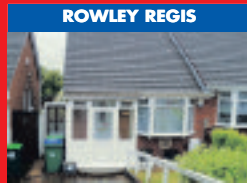
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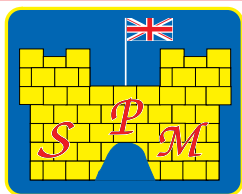
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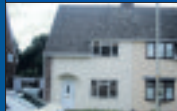
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## New arrival is aiming to make a big impact on the sector

PLEASE do drive some of our opposition, was the invitation at the UK launch of the latest Volvo – the V40.

And there alongside rows of gleaming new V40s waiting to be tested were others in the hotly contested C segment in the UK. Now that takes some bottle and a lot of confidence in your product. The com-

**By Sharon Walters**

pany must be absolutely sure motoring journals will be impressed or be so stunned they are beaten into submission.

Well in my humble opinion, Volvo got it just right and we were impressed, or at least I was.

Volvo is putting a lot into its attack on the segment where the top five – Ford Focus, VW Golf, Vauxhall Astra, Audi A3 and BMW 1 Series – account for 66 per cent of total sales.

Duncan Forrester, Volvo's head of public affairs, says the marque only has to take five per cent of these customers to sell 10,000 units a year. And he believes it will take more.

"There is space for a new entrant in this marketplace and we believe this car has what it takes to make inroads into it," he said.

This all-new car comes with new and improved features from the larger family members and includes City Safety as standard, collision warning and pedestrian detection on the safety front along with the world's first pedestrian airbag fitted as standard, which is the next step towards the manufacturer's target that no-one should be killed or injured in a new Volvo by 2020.

### Sporty

There are three different diesel engines, and three petrol engines. They include a 1.6 diesel, which gives a class-leading CO2 figure of 94g/km (equivalent to 78.5mpg on the combined cycle), a sporty 177hp 2.0-litre five-cylinder diesel, and the high performance T5 petrol, good for 254hp.

All engine and gearbox versions have start/stop technology, to boost economy and reduce emissions.

The hatchback will be available in ES, SE and SE LUX trim with Bluetooth fitted

as standard across the range.

Company car users will benefit from strong benefit in kind (BIK) figures, with the V40 D2 at £43 and £85 for 20 per cent and 40 per cent tax payers respectively. The V40 D2 offers the best BIK figures of all the premium five-door hatchbacks, beating the BMW 116d ED (£45 and £90) and the Audi A3 1.6 TDI (£48 and £97).

The entry level ES comes with a large number of features as standard, including Volvo's innovative City Safety technology; the world's first pedestrian airbag; Bluetooth with music streaming; high performance audio with 5in colour display screen; Electronic Climate Control; 16in Matres alloy wheels; Dynamic Stability and Traction Control; power windows; leather steering wheel and gearknob; and textile floor mats.

Inside it is stylish and well laid out with plenty of driver and passenger space and the boot isn't bad – let's face it Volvos have never had the best capacity or usability but this is OK.

Outside it is lean, low and wide and is certainly elegant. It is particularly eye-catching from the back and at the front

has good, heavy creases, attractive headlamps and tidy grille.

Most buyers today take careful note of residual values and Volvo has tried to make them attractive. One of the actions it has taken is to reduce the number of single options as they do not often transfer into a higher re-sale value, and group them together as 'packs' which are more desirable and attract higher re-sale values.

And the signs are already good from the experts.

"We believe the car will be a success, and our residual value forecasts are at a similar level to VW Golf, ahead of the current Audi A3 Sportback, and just behind the BMW 1 series," said Andrew Mee, senior managing pricing risk, Lex Autolease.

"The V40 is an attractive model which provides an improved driving experience over any previous Volvo. The suspension offers control without feeling overly firm. Refinement levels are good, complemented by a high quality interior with the usual comfortable Volvo seats."

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
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## Heathens worth win as Potters edged out

DUDLEY HEATHENS enjoyed a fine weekend with victory on the road at Stoke and a near-miss in the National League Best Pairs at Mildenhall.

They squeezed out a 47-43 win at Loomer Road on Saturday despite being without Adam Roynon and Ashley Morris, both riding for Premier League side Worthington.

Guest Steve Worrall stood in for Roynon as the Heathens ran rider-replacement for Morris. And it was Worrall who took a crucial win in the final heat to confirm the victory.

Stoke needed a 5-1 to salvage a draw and hopes were raised when Tom Perry looped on the start line. But Worrall was not to be denied, handing a first defeat to Simon Lambert since his return to the Potters.

The hosts were unfortunate to lose Ashley Birks to illness after he had beaten Perry in the Bronze Helmet match-race championship and also won his first ride.

But Heathens were well worth a win which kept them top of the National League with a 100 per cent record after eight matches.

On Sunday Perry and Byron Bekker went close to adding the pairs title, finishing third at Mildenhall. Cameron Heeps and Lewis Blackbird took the honours for the home side with Buxton second.

**Stoke:** Ben Reade 17+1, Simon Lambert 14, Tony Allen 6+2, Ashley Birks 3, Jack Kingston 2+1, Adam Wrathall 1, Ross Walter 0.  
**Dudley:** Steve Worrall 13+1, Tom Perry 12, Darrel Fitchings 8+2, Byron Bekker 7+2, Dan Greenwood 4+1, James White-Williams 3+1.

## Gloves on for national joy

THE Young Gloves karate squad took five top-three places in the national kata championships at Wolverhampton.

There was a first place for Ryan Hazelwood and a second for Niamh Griffiths.

Three other squad members – Jake Allen-Brunn, Jordan Darnley Fleurs and Nigel Gowland – got on the rostrum with third-place finishes.

The club host classes in the Kidderminster and Stourport areas.

The other Young Glove members to compete were Ronan Gough, Samantha Thomas, Yasmin White, Matthew Jarret and Lynval Walker.



Alex Parsonage with the Olympic torch

# Gold or Old Gold is choice for Alex

DUDLEY Olympian Alex Parsonage had a tough question to field, *terries Nick Mashiter*.

The lifelong Wolves fan was asked what he would prefer, promotion back to the Premier League or an Olympic medal.

"Normally it would be promotion but I'd have to win a medal," he said. "I want to play well and make every-one proud first."

The 27-year-old is a former Molineux season ticket holder and has been selected for Team GB's water polo squad.

As with many, his life could have gone in a different direction. Parson-

### Olympics

age trained as an electrician at Dudley College and then worked as an apprentice at Mitsui Babcock in Tipton before moving to France to play for Strasbourg.

The switch changed his life and he is eternally grateful.

"I was an apprentice electrician but took the chance and it's been unbelievable," said Parsonage.

"It's hard but it's a big part of my life and some places I've been have been fantastic. I've played in some of the best places and some really

strange ones and haven't regretted anything. I've played in Russia, Georgia and Poland and been thinking 'what are we doing here?'

"I've got one opportunity to do what I have done. I could have been working a 40-hour week and never achieved anything like I have.

"It's something to tell the kids. Hopefully it will inspire them. When we got the Olympics I was just coming out of junior level. Going to the Olympics was the main goal and it's given everyone an extra spark because it's been a long slog."

But Team GB have been drawn in the 'group of death' with the last

three medalists from Beijing – gold medal winners Hungary, runners-up USA and Serbia, who won bronze, Romania – their first game on Sunday – and Montenegro complete the group and Parsonage, who plays for Warley Wasps and Dutch side UZCS, insists the team are not alone for the ride.

"It's not as good a level here, some of the other European countries are more professional," said Parsonage, who started swimming at Brierley Hill Swimming Club.

"But Britain founded the sport and won the first four Olympics and we want to make it a success again."

# Karate rivals given chop at world championship

**BLACK COUNTRY** karate aces are on top of the world after international success in America.

Sensei Audun Daniels, instructor at Fortknocks Kimura Shukokai karate club, and student Michael Baker travelled to Atlantic City as part of the SKF England karate team.

They came away from the KSI world karate championships with a big haul of medals.

Fifth dan Daniels took a silver and bronze in his individual events.

He was runner-up in the men's senior kumite (fighting) 90kg-plus class after a fine display, coming up just short in the final.

He also took the bronze medal in the men's senior kata (forms), missing out on the final by one decision.

But Daniels and Baker joined another England squad member to make up the team that took gold and world champion status in the men's senior team kata, outclassing their South African opponents in the final.

The pair now have their sights set on next year's European championships in Finland, followed by a trip to the 2014 world championships in Sun City, South Africa.

Fortknocks cover Sedgley, Dudley and Kingswinford. For anyone wishing to train in kimura shukokai karate, the club stages sessions at Bramford Primary School and Fortknocks Health and Fitness centre.

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Audun Daniels and Mike Baker display their medals after karate world championship success in America

## Billingham double is not enough

**Sutton Coldfield 3 Stourbridge 2**

TWO goals from Ben Billingham in the opening quarter-hour appeared to have put Stourbridge on the road to victory.

But Sutton Coldfield got one back shortly before the interval and then took charge of the second period to win 3-2.

Stourbridge imposed some pressure immediately after a lively passage of play and it produced two goals in four minutes for Billingham.

But Harry Harris netted for the Evo-Stik Division One South side and then levelled on 63 minutes before Jamie Sheldon bagged the winner six minutes later.

**Stourbridge:** Solly, Dyson, Griffiths (Rock 45), Oliver, Geddes (Evans 45), Bennett (Hingley 61), Turton, Broadhurst, Benbow, Billingham (Knight 45), Canavan.

## Lights on for latest burst of T20 action

FLOODLIT T20 action will take place at Himley Cricket Club next month.

The club are holding the Black Country Floodlit T20 tournament from Monday to Friday (August 20-24) after successful stagings over each of the last two years.

It's also an opportunity for parents to treat their youngsters to a night out during the school holidays at the Stourbridge Road venue.

The Birmingham League club take on Stourbridge, Wolverhampton and Brewood for the Joe Brandrick Trophy.

On Thursday there is a one-off game between the pick of the Staffordshire Club Championship and Worcestershire County League. Entry for spectators is free all week.

Organiser Greg Wright said: "We're really excited to welcome two new clubs and two key leagues. It keeps the buzz going, entertainment fresh and enables us to continue broadening the view of local club cricket."

"All the usual T20 action you'd see on TV will be on show including floodlights, coloured clothing and balls plus music and on-field entertainment."

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Himley launch the competition on Monday at 5.30pm with a clash against last year's champions, Wolverhampton, followed by newcomers Stourbridge verses Brewood. Further details: 01902 898239.

**Fixtures.** Monday, August 20: 5.30pm Himley v Wolverhampton; 7.40 Stourbridge v Brewood.

**Tuesday:** 5.30 Himley v Stourbridge; 7.40 Brewood v Wolverhampton.

**Wednesday:** 5.30 Wolverhampton v Stourbridge; 7.40 Brewood v Himley.

**Thursday:** 6.30 Staffordshire Club Championship vs Worcestershire County League.

**Friday:** 6.30 T20 final.

## Ace Benjamin proves a Star

**Continental Star 1 Sporting Khalsa 0**

CONTINENTAL STAR continued their pre-season preparations with a home friendly victory over West Midland Premier side Sporting Khalsa.

The game was decided on 34 minutes when Star midfielder Ibrahim Benjamin slotted the ball home from close range following a powerful run into the box. Continental striker Daniel Holgate had spurred a great chance minutes earlier.



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## Wolves net £1m from the sale of Guedioura

WOLVES have banked £1m from the sale of Adlene Guedioura to Nottingham Forest – and insisted the deal left all parties happy.

The Algeria international's exit guarantees the club a seven-figure sum and he has signed a three-year contract. Guedioura, 26, became Wolverhampton-born new Forest boss Sean O'Driscoll's first signing as manager.

The midfielder, who was into the final year of his contract at Molineux, was paraded at the City Ground after rejoining the club where he made 19 appearances on loan last season.

His departure sparked a mixed reaction among Wolves supporters, with many disappointed the midfielder didn't get more of a chance after playing just 38 games since his arrival in January 2010.

Supporters also speculated on whether boss Stale Solbakken had approved the deal. But chief executive Jez Moxey insisted the transfer had the Norwegian's full support, saying: "The manager makes the decisions on the buying and selling of players," said Moxey.

## Foster keen to put down some roots

ALBION favourite Ben Foster wants to spend the rest of his career at The Hawthorns.

The former Kidderminster Harriers and England goalkeeper is hoping his £3.5m summer move from Birmingham will be his last ever transfer.

And the reigning player of the year revealed he is finally hoping to put down roots after playing for 10 different clubs since turning professional in 2001.

"I hope this will be my last move," said the 29-year-old from Albion's pre-season training camp in Sweden.

"I have no interest in moving south or going up north. I'm from the Midlands, my kids are going to be settling into schools soon so we need to get them registered," he added.

"My wife loves the area too."

"These are things people don't always see from our point of view – they just see the football and no more."

"We're now on the lookout for our final family home."

# Goals galore as Robins hit seven

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Gardner and centre-forward Grant Joshua. Meanwhile, another summer signing Dan Williams was turning out on loan for the visitors to Lea Castle. Rob Whitley captained the side for the first time in the absence of both Danny Ludlow and Richard Langford.

The supporters who took advantage of a rare fine day were treated to goals right from the off.

It only took three minutes for last season's top scorer Dreniz Bala to get The Robins off the mark after stealing in and firing a low shot. However, that lead did not

last long and Enville drew level just two minutes later as Arnold fired beyond the reach of former Lye Town keeper Harper.

The Robins snatched the lead on 12 minutes as Bala turned the ball past Billingham from close range. It was 3-1 just two minutes on as Alex Perry set up Joshua.

Enville clawed a goal back when Arnold finished off his second of the game.

Bala rattled the underside of the crossbar but on 52 minutes it was 4-2 when Rion Francis-Mills found the target and the young striker did so again before completing

his hat-trick within 14 minutes. The game was effectively sealed on 69 minutes when Danny Smith cracked home a wayward clearance.

The visitors would not lie down and cut the deficit with 12 minutes left when Owen rose to head home. They even grabbed a fourth on 82 minutes through Pennicat.

Dudley's season-opener is at Wellington on August 4.

**Dudley Town:** Harper, Edmunds, Arnold, Weston, Whitley, Perry, McGilligan, Gardner, Bala, Joshua, Faux. Subs: Francis-Mills, Love, Smith, Beresford.

**Enville Athletic:** Billingham, Bowden, Pike, Williams, Edwards, Reynolds, Tansley, Arnold, Ward, Poole, Pennicat. Subs: Owen, Lewis.

## It's high fives as Beacon triumph

**Tales from The Bratch - Beacon CC**

IT WAS high fives all round for Beacon as they eased to a comprehensive Staffs Clubs Division One success over Bloxwich.

Alex French at No 5, top-scored for Beacon with an unbeaten 85 as they posted 240-8 from 50 overs. French's knock, his highest first team score, came after the Howell brothers, Jimmy and Nathan, scored 60 and 42 respectively.

Spinner Ben Robinson then took centre stage with the ball, claiming 5-5 to help rip out Bloxwich for just 63.

The victory saw Beacon, who entertain Pelsall on Saturday, move into the top three in the standings.

Beacon's second XI couldn't match the first team's exploits as they slipped to defeat at Bloxwich. Craig Jones just missed out on a century when he fell for 91 in Beacon's 194-5. Andy Green supported with 39.

Bloxwich knocked off the required runs with four wickets and five overs to spare. Adam Britton claimed 3-38 for Beacon.

Roger Fildes led Beacon's Sunday first XI to victory over Swindon. Fildes struck an unbeaten half-century as Beacon overhauled the hosts' 153-9. Dan Green (41) and Ryno Alberts (37) also contributed with the bat after Robinson had picked up 3-13 with the ball.

Beacon's Under-13s booked their place in the semi-finals of the Reg Barber Pairs Trophy with a straightforward victory over Romsley. They face Cosleley on Sunday.

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# SKIPPER IS FACING CRUCIAL TWO DAYS

**HEATHENS skipper Adam Roynon is facing up to the biggest 48 hours of his career.**

Roynon has been a revelation for the former Cradley club this season and has led them to the top of the National League table.

The Heathens are also on the verge of reaching the Knockout Cup final. They hold a 28-point lead over the Isle of Wight as they prepare for the semi-final, second leg which takes place on August 9 at the Smallbrook Stadium, Ryde.

Roynon is now getting ready for the British Final at Wolverhampton next Monday. The following night, on the same track, he will start as one of the clear favourites as the Heathens stage the FAST Golden Hammer.

The Cumbrian is scoring freely in the Elite and Premier leagues for Coventry and Workington respectively.

When both British championship semi-finals were washed out, bosses opted to put the 16 top-averaging riders straight into the shoot-out – and Roynon made the cut.

### Privilege

He said: "It's a massive meeting, the Golden Hammer, and it is a privilege to be riding in it."

"I have also got the British Final here before that so I am a little nervous about that one."

"Hopefully, I can get some big scalps in that British Final and it will set me up nicely to win the Hammer on Tuesday!"

"Home track advantage will be very important for me. It is nice that I am riding this track because it is a quite tricky track to ride," he added.

"So having the home meetings here for Dudley and riding here a bit away

### Dudley Heathens

with Coventry is helping me a lot.

"Hopefully I can pull off a bit of an upset on Monday and then follow that up with a win in the Golden Hammer."

The Hammer, which is a re-arranged date on Tuesday, is once again promoting the FAST message – Face, Arms, Speech, Time – in conjunction with Dudley Stroke Association.

It features all the Heathens riders plus former favourites Lee Smart, Kyle Newman and Micky Dyer and former winner Simon Lambert who would love to regain the title.

Anyone attending the British Final should keep their re-admission ticket and gain entry to the Hammer for £10 instead of the £12 price.

The club have also confirmed their 'Kids for a Quid' policy for the Hammer – and there will be face painting available for the youngsters.

Traditional Cradley pork sandwiches will be available and there will be an auction of the top three race jackets in the bar immediately after the event.

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## Onwards and upwards for the batsman



Spot the bat! Michael Johnson of Wellington plays what appears to be an otherwise immaculate shot at Himley but for the disappearing piece of wood. It wasn't an easy day for the visitors, dismissed for 106 as Ashfaq Hussain claimed 4-25. Himley batsmen Rajat Bhatia (46 not out) and Greg Wright (34) then eased their side to 107-3 and a seven-wicket victory in the Birmingham League Premier. Floodlit T20 – Page 51

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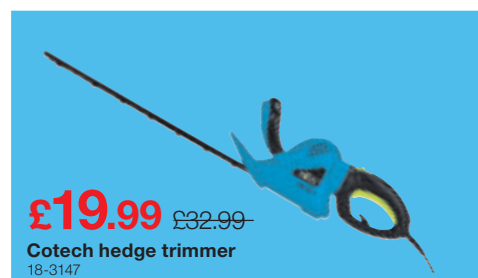
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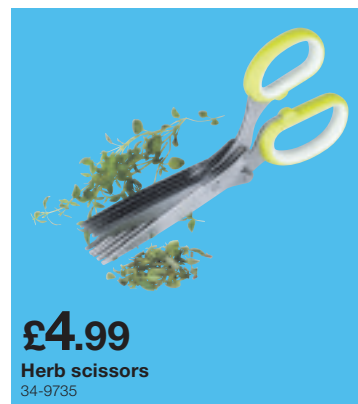
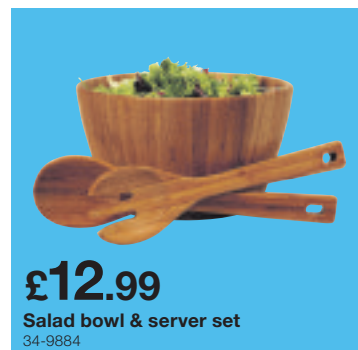
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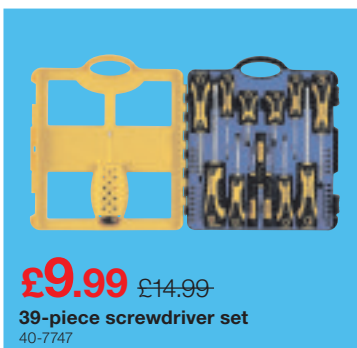
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